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# CMVC CONNECTION

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## **VIRGINIA'S COASTAL RESIDENTS URGED TO GET READY FOR HURRICANE SEASON--IT CAN HAPPEN HERE**

It is vital that every Virginian understand something about a hurricane: It could happen to you. Residents watched last year as Hurricane Katrina pummeled the Gulf Coast with high winds and flooding that knocked out utilities, destroyed property and took lives. Yet, surveys show that people in the Commonwealth are no better prepared today than they were when Katrina struck.

"Many believe that a major hurricane cannot affect them or that there is nothing they can do to protect themselves," said Michael Cline, state coordinator for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. "But, it could happen to you, and there are simple, low-cost steps families can take to get ready: get a kit, make a plan, listen for instructions and learn your evacuation routes."

Assembling an emergency supply kit (See Hurricane Info at back of Civic Connection), making a family disaster plan, listening for the latest information and learning evacuation routes take little time and money, but they will provide your family with the tools and information they need when it counts. An emergency supply kit includes, among other things, essential items to last at least three days such as a battery-powered radio and extra batteries, food and water, flashlights, a first aid kit and medications.

Making a family disaster plan involves discussing the hazards and threats for your area and what your family would do during an actual emergency. As you create your plan, decide on a meeting place if your family cannot return home, designate an out-of-town friend or relative as a point-of-contact and plan for the specific needs of your household, such as an evacuation shelter for pets or transportation for medical equipment.

Before, during and after a disaster, it is critical that you listen for the most local, up-to-date information from emergency officials. Local media will convey instructions from local, state and federal government partners, such as details about evacuation orders, how to safely stay where you are and when the emergency has passed.

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Coastal residents should become familiar with their designated evacuation routes and know where they will go if ordered to evacuate. Emergency officials have designated hurricane evacuation routes for Hampton, the Eastern Shore, Norfolk, Poquoson, the Middle Peninsula, the Northern Neck, Virginia Beach and York County. City or county officials will issue a standard evacuation order if conditions warrant it.

**Detailed instructions on emergency supply kits and family disaster plans are available beginning on page 29 of the Verizon White Pages telephone book, or online at the Virginia Department of Emergency Management's Web site, [www.vaemergency.com](http://www.vaemergency.com) or the City's website, [www.norfolk.gov](http://www.norfolk.gov)**

Even when hurricanes make landfall in other states, they can still cause significant damage and loss of life in Virginia; in fact, some of the worst storms in Virginia's history were from hurricanes that made landfall in other states. Tropical storms or depressions can be just as damaging or deadly as a hurricane. Hurricane Isabel was a tropical storm when it entered Virginia, and caused damage to 75 percent of the state, making it one of the costliest disasters in Virginia's history.

## **CITY PREPARING FOR ANOTHER ABOVE AVERAGE HURRICANE SEASON**

The 2006 hurricane season forecast, developed by the Tropical Meteorology Project staff at Colorado State University (CSU), is unchanged from the initial forecast issued in December 2005. CSU meteorologists call for another above-average season. The probability for at least one major Category 3, 4 or 5 hurricane making landfall on the US East Coast is 64 percent, 33 points over the average for the last century. These busy seasons are part of a **long-term cycle** that climatologists had predicted years ago. The Atlantic Basin is in its 11<sup>th</sup> year of heightened activity. It is expected to "continue for the next decade or perhaps longer".

The 2006 hurricane forecast calls for:

- **17 named tropical storms**; an average season has 9.6.
- **9 hurricanes** compared to the average of 5.9.
- **5 major hurricanes** with winds exceeding 110 mph; the average is 2.3 per year.

The 2006 hurricane season will begin June 1<sup>st</sup> and end November 30<sup>th</sup>. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Hurricane Center will begin issuing tropical forecasts four times daily on June 1. The seasonal hurricane forecast will be updated on June 1, 2006.

This is the first year as part of City-wide hurricane preparedness efforts that residents will be trained to assist with disaster response under the national Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) model. Residents who have received CERT training are able to provide critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site within their communities.

Over 100 Norfolk residents will have completed the CERT training when this year's hurricane season begins.

## **CITY STARTS NORFOLK ALERT FOR EMERGENCY AND PREPAREDNESS MESSAGES TO CITIZENS**

The Office of Emergency Preparedness & Response is in the initial implementation phase of a City wide notification system. This system (Norfolk Alert) will be available to residents and businesses to provide them emergency information by email and phone. The email portion of this service is ready for test and people can access the system via the City's webpage. Norfolk Alert is an evolving service and we will keep you informed as the other systems become available.

You may register at [www.norfolk.gov/norfolkalert](http://www.norfolk.gov/norfolkalert)

You can create an account on the Norfolk Alert system by clicking the link under the New User? Prompt – where it says: **Please register here if you do not have an account.** You will be asked to fill in the appropriate information – email address and password. The next page is the contact information page. Here you will be prompted to enter your contact information (telephone number and address). Fill in as much or as little as you wish. When you are finished click on the **Create New Account button** and the Norfolk Alert system will email you a confirmation message.

## **WORLD CHANGERS READY TO RETURN TO NORFOLK**

World Changers, a missions program of the Southern Baptist Convention will return to Norfolk from June 24<sup>th</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>. This year's project is being billed as a 'mega-project' by World Changers. The organization will bring approximately 1000 volunteers to Hampton Roads, working on homes in Norfolk, Chesapeake, and Virginia Beach.

Norfolk will host the most crews, with over 500 youth and adults providing assistance to 46 homes. Please note that a World Changers-type state program known as Transformers will begin work this October focusing on completing any work left from the summer. This new state program will also undertake smaller repair jobs on other homes. The focus neighborhoods for this year's program are Berkley, Campostella, Ballentine, Coleman Place, Estabrook, Fairmount Park, Lindenwood, Norview, and Sewells Gardens. About 80% of the homes receiving assistance this summer will be in these neighborhoods. Other neighborhoods to be included will be Bayview, Brambleton, Broad Creek, Denby Park, Glenrock, Huntersville, Ingleside, Oakwood and Park Place.

## **MEMORIAL FUND ESTABLISHED FOR NORFOLK POLICE OFFICER**

A Memorial Fund has been established for Norfolk Police Officer Seneca B. Darden, killed in the line of duty on May 21.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers or donations, donations be made to the Estate of Seneca Darden or the Mariah L. Darden Fund, named for his daughter, at the Bank of America or the Bank of Hampton Roads.

Officer Darden was a four year veteran of the Department and is survived by his wife and five year old daughter. He is also the nephew of former Assistant Chief Shelton Darden who recently retired.

## **MAYOR PAUL FRAM REMARKS PREPARED FOR FUNERAL FOR OFFICER DARDEN**

Thirty-eight times during our city's modern history the people of Norfolk have assembled to mourn the loss of a fallen police officer.

The first time, in 1906, was one time too many.

Today, with heavy hearts and a deep sense of sorrow, we have gathered again to express our sincere condolences to the family of another police officer who lost his life in the line of duty.

On behalf of the citizens of Norfolk, the members of City Council, the City Manager and City Administration, I offer my deepest and most profound sympathy to the family of Officer Seneca Darden.

The pain we feel from a life taken to soon is overwhelming and hard to bear.

We also express our heartfelt sympathy to the members of the Norfolk Police Department.

You have lost a member of your family – a fellow officer and brother in-arms.

As I gaze upon this sea of uniforms assembled in this church, it's difficult to comprehend the acute sense of loss that all of you are feeling.

Only the men and women who wear the badge can comprehend and appreciate the unbreakable bond of love and trust that law enforcement officer's share with their brothers and sisters throughout the world.

When one falls, the pain is felt by all and we share that pain.

Unfortunately, the frequency of these tragic shootings is increasing at an alarming rate.

Unfortunately, more Norfolk Police Officers have been killed in the line of duty than in any other locality in the state – a tragic and sobering statistic.

It was only last week that we stood on the City Hall Plaza to pay tribute to the brave men and women whose names are listed on the Roll of Honor.

During the past five years, we've gathered to pay our last respects to four of our fallen heroes.

In September of 2001, Officer James Gilbert was laid to rest at the age of 28.

The family of Officer Sheila Herring mourned the loss of their beloved daughter and mother in January of 2003.

And, the painful memories are still fresh of that morning seven months ago when we joined the family of Officer Stanley Reeves as they said goodbye to their son, husband and father.

All three of these fine individuals shared the same characteristics:

They loved their families; they possessed an uncommon devotion to protecting the lives of the citizens under their care and, tragically, they were all too young to die.

When he joined the force, Seneca Darden understood – as did James Gilbert, Shelia Herring and Stanley Reeves – that law enforcement can be a dangerous and perilous career.

Everyone who wears the badge understands that tragedy can strike in an instant – that suddenly and without warning – the life of a friend and fellow officer can be taken in a heartbeat.

And, yet I know that the men and women of the Norfolk Police Department and departments throughout the United States – in small towns and big cities – will continue to place their lives at risk so that all of us can live in peace.

That's exactly what Officer Seneca Darden was doing on the night of May 21.

When the call of a disturbance crackled over the police radio, Officer Darden responded to what police described as a chaotic and confusing scene.

In a moment, he was gone.

As we try to endure the pain of losing one of our best and brightest, let's also celebrate the life of Seneca Darden – a beloved son, husband and father who served his community with great courage and distinction.

In this moment of grief and anguish, we must rely on our abiding faith that our creator will hold us in the palm of his hands and calm our fears and grief with his everlasting love and compassion.

We must rely on the strength and love of our family and friends for support and comfort during the difficult and painful days that will surely follow.

And, perhaps most important, we must always, always remember and cherish the memory of Seneca Darden.

God bless the Darden family and God bless all of you.

**Introduction:** Second Chances, started in 1999, is working with non-violent, ex-offenders to provide employment, training and transitional support services. Over the last several years, the program has expanded to address a more comprehensive support system for program participants including:

- Kids of Incarcerated Parents (KIP Care)
- Substance abuse treatment
- Network of training partnerships, and,
- Social enterprise business ventures.
- And, Housing;
  - Housing for ex-offenders is a significant issue—40% of Second Chances clients are homeless/imminently homeless.
  - Stable, permanent housing with supportive services is needed for this population to reduce recidivism.

### **New Project: Harbor House**

- Permanent residential setting
- Housing for 14 to 16 single males
- Need at least 8 bedrooms, common living area, common cooking area
- Located in a low-density area
- Park Avenue is ideal for this vision

### **Project Overview**

- Located in an isolated section of the neighborhood of South Brambleton.
- Sits roughly 100 ft. from the corner with vacant lots on either side of the property and to its immediate rear.
- 1/8 of a mile from Harbor Park and approximately 3/4 of a mile from a local ship repair yard.
- Discussed the project with the other surrounding properties, which are largely rental.
- Renovation of a blighted structure to provide permanent supportive housing for 16 non-violent offenders who enter the Second Chances program.
- Residents will contribute 30% of their income toward rent.
- Supportive services will be provided including case management, job readiness, life skills, etc.

### **Second Chances Ex-offender, Harbor House residents**

- Non-violent

- 18 years or older
- Norfolk resident
- Many with family ties in Norfolk
- Drug and alcohol free
- No sexual offenses or offenses of moral turpitude
- Employed within 30 days of residency

## **DETAILS OF HARBOR HOUSE**

### **Grant Award**

- Second Chances, in collaboration with The Office to End Homelessness, applied for and has been awarded a \$485,000 grant from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development to renovate this house.
- NRHA is donating house and adjoining land.
- Renovation estimate is \$531,000.
- Z-Corp (contractor) has made a \$111,000 in-kind contribution
- Two local manufacturers are donating all furniture and bedding.
- The architect (Ivy Architectural Innovations) has made a \$7,000 in-kind contribution

### **Historic Character to be Preserved**

- Original structure built in 1891.
- Numerous original features to be restored including front porch and 1<sup>st</sup> floor interior details
- No SHPO/design review is required.
- Second Chances is working voluntarily with Norfolk Preservation Alliance and has their support.

### **Management and Oversight**

- The Management Plan includes:
  - Case Manager on site that doubles as the house coordinator between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. After 5:00 p.m., a resident manager will be responsible for oversight.
  - An extensive application, eligibility, and screening process for residents.
  - Policies and procedures for the case manager and resident supervisor.
  - Support groups and workshops will be offered during evening hours.
  - Norfolk Criminal Justice board will serve as Advisory Board.
- Selection process will include stringent standards:

- Candidate application, assessment form, and personal interview.
  - Lease and house rules to which there must be strict adherence by all residents.
- Violation of lease or house rules can result in termination/eviction.

## **Operating Budget**

- The City's intention is to have the tenants' rent contributions and funding generated through Second Chances' business enterprise projects significantly offset the operating costs of the project, including the case manager's salary.
- The project will strive to be full cost recovery, but to keep the housing affordable, the project may need a limited amount of City funding, possibly, \$25,000 to \$50,000.

## ***Timeline***

### 2006

<i>March 27</i>	<i>Interior demolition &amp; construction began</i>
<i>June-September</i>	<i>Application and screening of residents</i>
<i>September/October</i>	<i>Construction completed</i>
<i>October/November</i>	<i>Move in</i>

## **GEM PROPOSED DISPOSITION PLAN**

**Vision for GEM:** Take blighted properties, vacant lots and abandoned buildings and convert them to productive uses consistent with the Norfolk's Comprehensive General Development Plan, strategic neighborhood plans and other City initiatives.

## **Current Program Status**

- As of April 15, 2006, the City has acquired title to 378 properties.
- Approximately 126 properties are in the process of being acquired.
- Staff is working to complete a new list of eligible properties to acquire.

## **How are GEM Properties Selected for Disposition?**

In determining which properties should be disposed of by the GEM Program, the City will give consideration to the following factors:

- Proposals and requests by non-profit housing development corporations (CHOD's) that identify specific properties for redevelopment.
- Proposals and requests by governmental entities or departments that identify specific properties for ultimate use and redevelopment.



- Vacant properties that can be placed in the Side Lot Disposition Program Initiative (see Reuse for Private Development section below);
- Properties in support of strategic neighborhood stabilization and revitalization plans;
- Properties that would form a land assemblage development plan; and
- Properties on lots desirable for new infill housing

## **Disposition Strategies**

The disposition strategies for vacant lots will be determined by:

- Neighborhood plan objectives.
- Whether the property is determined to be a buildable or non-buildable lot.
- Acceptable development strategies will be noted as a part of the Request for Proposals (RFP).
- Ownership of properties to be used as “public spaces” will be retained by the City and reused in accordance with a community management initiative or to support neighborhood services initiatives undertaken by the City.
- Properties sold for “private development” are expected to be reused primarily for housing development, room additions and side yards.
- All disposition activities will be subject to a land disposition plan and agreements.

## **Reuse for Public Spaces**

### Community Management Initiatives

- Community gardens
- Dog parks, etc.

### Community Art

### Neighborhood Services/Improvements

- Recreation
- Landscape enhancements
- Open space, etc.

## **Reuse for Private Development**

### Side Lot Disposition Initiative:

- Place vacant properties under an adjacent owner’s care
- Enhance property values
- Provide space for additions, driveways, landscaped areas, other personal uses.
- Provide for the creation of larger building sites

Eligibility for Side Lot Disposition Initiative:

- Owner's adjacent property must be free of municipal liens
- Side lots must be legally and permanently combined with adjacent parcels
- Side lots must be aesthetically or physically consolidated with adjacent properties

New Infill Housing

- Minimum lot size—37.5 ft. x 100 ft.
- The consolidation of adjacent or contiguous lots will be encouraged.

**Sales Price Determination**

- Generally, properties will be sold at fair market value based on an independent appraisal.
- In some instances, the City may consider making price concessions if the buyer's use of the property will provide benefits to the community such as creating jobs, stabilizing businesses, creating affordable housing opportunities or some other specific activity consistent with the neighborhood plan.

**Who Can Apply for GEM lots?**

- For projects involving the development of new housing, Class A Licensed Builders meeting the eligibility criteria established for the program
- Owners of properties located adjacent to small, non-buildable GEM Program properties as defined by program guidelines.
- Applicants must demonstrate ability and financial capacity to undertake purchase and improvements meeting GEM Program standards.
- The applicant must not own any real property that has any unresolved citation of violation of the state and local codes and ordinances.
- The applicant must not own any real property that is tax delinquent.
- The applicant must not have been the prior owner of any real property in the City of Norfolk that was transferred to the treasurer of to a local government as a result of tax foreclosure proceedings.
- If applicant is a developer; other projects will be reviewed to determine voluntary compliance with City vision and quality craftsmanship.

**NORFOLKS 1<sup>ST</sup> TEE PROGRAM STARTS AT LAMBERT'S POINT GOLF COURSE**

**Purpose**

- As a result of a City Council goal to enhance youth golf opportunities, the City has started a 1<sup>st</sup> Tee Program into our programming
- Agreement with the YMCA of Hampton Roads to bring a 1<sup>st</sup> Tee Program to Norfolk

## **Mission**

- The 1<sup>st</sup> Tee Program is an initiative of the World Golf Foundation and is endorsed by the PGA of America, Ladies Professional Golf Association, PGA TOUR, United States Golf Association and the Augusta National Golf Club.
- Its mission is “To impact the lives of young people by providing learning facilities and educational programs that promote character-development and life-enhancing values through the game of golf.”



## **Overview of Agreement**

- YMCA of Hampton Roads is the lead local organization
- Program will be administered at the Lambert's Point Golf Course and Stumpy Lake Golf Course, Inc. our operator will assist in the programs delivery and management
- Sessions will cost \$75 per youth however the YMCA has a sliding scale and will not turn away any youth do to financial restraints
- Youth will be given teachings of the skills necessary to play golf and will be given teachings on Life Skills Experiences
- The driving range, practice areas and ultimately the course will be the classroom for the youth
- Norfolk Recreation, Parks and Open Space staff will work to help identify and coordinate youth to participate in the program as will the YMCA

## **DEMAND FOR PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS REMAINS STRONG**

Demand for building permits set another record, exceeding the previous three March figures for inspection activity. There were 3,697 inspections conducted during this time period. Normally, this time period is marked by an increase, but this volume is unprecedented. This year, March's inspection numbers matched or even exceeded some summer month's activity level. In addition, permit activity was only 87 less than an all time monthly record. Additionally, 1,318 permits were issued in March and included 325 permits for residential buildings. During this same time period, plan review conducted approximately 289 reviews of construction documents and issued permits for construction with a total valuation of over \$34 million bringing in approximately \$182,000 in revenue.

## **COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAYS CONTINUE**

The third of four “Safe Streets - Community Clean-Up Days” was held on May 13 in the Oakdale Farms/Denby neighborhoods. There were over 60 people that participated in the clean-up, which resulted in approximately one ton of trash and debris being collected. This event, which included raffle prizes and a celebration, was an overwhelming success. The fourth and final clean-up is scheduled for Huntersville on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Please note that due to the success of these clean-ups, staff is examining options to provide assistance to other neighborhoods that would like to host clean-ups. A review of potential options will be brought to City Council for consideration before the summer recess.

## **RECREATION PARK AND OPEN SPACES PREPARING FOR SUMMER FUN AT CITY BEACHES**

The Ocean View Beach front will open for the summer at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. In preparation for the opening, beach staff headquarters has been relocated to Community Beach, which is more centrally located, larger and will provide better service to the public. Lifeguard stands have been installed, telephone lines are in place and all other utilities are up and operating as well. Additionally, beach radios have been updated by the City’s Radio and Telecommunications shop and are ready for use.

In preparation for the new season, City lifeguards participated in the Beach Lifeguard Academy at the Midtown Aquatic Center in Newport News and the annual summer aquatic institute at Huntersville Pool and other training. Additionally, on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, all beach staff toured the three-(3) beach sites and took part in an orientation as well as reviewed water skills. Captain Kenny Muhleman, Norfolk Fire/Rescue 13, was on hand for the orientation and reviewed radio usage and other areas of teamwork between beach staff and rescue personnel.

All walk-over beach access ways have been cleared of sand. New trash barrels have been placed along the entire length of the beach and the beach cleaners have been running for the last two weeks. Park Maintenance staff will continue beach sanitizing efforts this week in anticipation of a fun-filled accident free summer.

## **17 HAMPTON ROADS MAYORS AND COUNTY BOARD CHAIRS LAUNCH YEAR OF REGIONAL CITIZENSHIP**

On the site where three ships landed 399 years earlier to begin establishment of the first English speaking settlement in the New World, Hampton Roads’ top local elected officials will gather to commence the community’s first region-wide citizenship project.

In April, the mayors and board chairs of ten cities, one town and six counties gathered on the beach at Cape Henry on what is today Fort Story in Virginia Beach. On parchment, they signed a joint document declaring the following 12 months to be the Year of Regional Citizenship.

Organized by the Hampton Roads Partnership ([www.hrp.org](http://www.hrp.org)), a public-private organization whose members include leaders of local governments, universities, media, military installations, and businesses, the **Year of Regional Citizenship** will be an opportunity for the community to reflect on its common heritage and economic interdependence, to build upon existing partnerships and seek new alliances.

“When those first settlers set foot in Virginia Beach, then traveled up to Point Comfort in Hampton, through our rivers and eventually to Jamestown, they joined with native Americans and eventually Africans to become our first regional citizens,” says Dana Dickens, President of the Hampton Roads Partnership. “It is appropriate therefore that we use the year leading up to the commemoration of the discovery of the New World to also focus attention on Hampton Roads, America’s First Region.”

The Year of Regional Citizenship follows an intensive, eight month long project of the Hampton Roads Partnership called the Listen and Learn Tour ([www.listenandlearntour.com](http://www.listenandlearntour.com)), during which moderators engaged more than 40 groups and 1,500 persons from Williamsburg to Virginia Beach in a dialogue about the future of Hampton Roads and the state of regional cooperation.

## **GAO SURVEYS MILITARY HEALTH INSURANCE PAYMENTS AT REQUEST OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

The federal General Accounting Office (GAO) is conducting a study to determine costs and impacts of services provided to individuals in the military’s Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP). The visit by the GAO is in follow-up to a request from the Department of Defense and inquiries from the region’s Congressional delegation.

It is hoped that this information ultimately will cause changes in TRICARE’S (the military health system) coverage and provide additional federal funds so that needed health and human services may be better provided to military families. This effort is likely to take several more months or longer.

In November 2003, the Hampton Roads Mayors & Chairs Caucus requested a review of military dependents requiring mental, physical, and community services in the Hampton Roads region. The request was a result of TRICARE not providing sufficient benefit coverage for children with severe disabilities, mental illness, substance abuse, mental retardation, or antisocial behavior.

The Caucus requested assistance from DOD in compiling demographic information to analyze the fiscal impact on local governments. The intent of the study was to determine if funding similar to Federal Impact Aid could be provided to offset the cost of providing



these services. The Caucus also requested assistance in compiling specific information on military children not in the EFMP.

The Department of Defense (DOD) responded to the November 2003 letter in March 2004. In the letter, DOD estimated that there are approximately 4,885 EFMP beneficiaries of the approximately 65,605 military families with children age 18 and under. Additionally, the DOD stated that the total eligible military children population in Hampton Roads is 111,095 of which 15,607 are located in Norfolk (2003 data). This figure does not distinguish whether they are EFMP or not. DOD did state that several internal activities were underway to ensure readiness for families with special needs, but they did not necessarily recognize the fiscal impact to localities providing additional services. However, the DOD did request that the GAO meet with regional leaders to further investigate this issue.

At a recent meeting of representatives from Hampton Roads cities and two analysts from GAO, all cities tried to impress upon the staff our commitment to serve military families. However, the cities said they are challenged by the lack of funds provided under the federal and/or TRICARE programs. At the meeting, it was determined that additional data needed to be supplied to GAO by all of the cities. As part of this review, Hampton Roads cities including Norfolk will begin compiling the information. HRPDC will be the central repository of the information and then it will be forwarded to GAO. Specifically, this will involve the Departments of Health and Human Services, the Community Services Board and Norfolk Public Schools working together to gather the data needed.

## **CITY RECEIVES FRANKLIN-COVEY'S AWARD FOR ORGANIZATIONAL GREATNESS**

The City of Norfolk recently received the FranklinCovey Organizational Greatness Award. This award is based on "...an organization's commitment to sustainable performance improvement, employee satisfaction and being a model of a learning organization". This accomplishment was attributed to Norfolk's success in integrating the *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* leadership training into the work culture.

Seven Habits was first introduced to Norfolk employees in fall 2002. Today, there are 36 active employees who serve as facilitators for the program with more than 1,100 employees having graduated from this training. As you may recall, the Human Resources Department conducted a survey in 2004 of past participants to assess program effectiveness. Results showed that 81% of the respondents indicated Seven Habits had had a positive influence on their personal and professional work habits.

Seven Habits training session is currently scheduled each month. Approximately 300 employees will complete this year's training.

## **LAMBERT'S POINT GOLF COURSE RECEIVES ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD**

Mid-America Golf and Landscape has received the Affinity Award for best environmental project from Golf Course News for its design work on the Lambert's Point Golf Course. With the caption, "from trash to treasure", the award highlights the City's vision and leadership in turning this former "Brownfield" site into a beautiful Scottish-links style golf course. The article, which is attached, also highlights the obstacles facing this project and the City assembled team's successful efforts to overcome them.



This award is significant since golf courses are traditionally identified as not being environmentally sensitive. Lamberts Point, however, is an example of how through commitment and proper planning, a project can have a quality of design, be functional and be environmentally responsible.

## **DETECTORS TO DIVERT OVER-HEIGHT TRUCKS FROM HRBT**

One of the major contributors to the traffic backups at the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel (HRBT) are over height trucks. All vehicles over 13' 6" traveling westbound are removed and turned around to re-enter the highway or detoured back through West Ocean View Avenue. Each time traffic is stopped to re-route over height trucks, about ten minutes of congestion is created causing undue delays and back ups. Each month, approximately 90 trucks are stopped and approximately 80 percent of them are turned around. A new state law was passed in 2005 that allows the issuance of fines to drivers of all over height trucks headed westbound through the tunnel. Over height trucks are now subject to fines up to \$500 and three points against their commercial driver's license. Since the enactment of the new law, a minor decrease in the height violations has been observed. The success rate in deterring over height trucks has not reached the expected level due primarily to a lack of personnel to enforce the law.

The State, at the City's request, is installing height sensors with advisory signs prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> View Avenue exit. Once sensors detect an over height truck, the advisory sign will flash to direct trucks to use the 4<sup>th</sup> View Avenue exit to turn around. The State will conduct field reviews and take counts to test the effectiveness of the new system over the first 30 days. As part of this program, the state has mailed letters to trucking companies informing them of the new law and measures. The mailing also advises trucking companies to direct their over height trucks to the Monitor Merrimac Memorial Bridge Tunnel.

## **CITY-WIDE TO ENHANCE CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Environmental Code Enforcement training was conducted recently for personnel in Neighborhood Preservation, Planning, Health, Emergency Operations Center, Police and Fire – Rescue. The training is a collaborative effort between City Departments and the City Attorney's Office to enhance inspector effectiveness in the field. Training included

investigative techniques; changes to state and national codes; and procedures regarding the City's co-extensive authority. Co-extensive authority, was adopted by Council as a mechanism to allow all City inspectors with police powers to issue citations for a variety of environmental and zoning issues such as high weeds and grass, parking on the grass, refuse, inoperable vehicles and storm water pollution.

## **VIRGINIA NATURAL GAS BEGINS PIPELINE RENOVATION PROJECT**

Virginia Natural Gas (VNG) is undertaking a major pipeline renovation project in the Colonial Place neighborhood. The work is being done to upgrade the gas distribution system. This replacement will greatly minimize future maintenance and provide enhanced service to customers. None of VNG's current customers are being billed for this work.

The upgrade of mains and services to customers will be performed by Bento-Georgia, which is an authorized contractor for VNG. This work is being coordinated with the City and their customers to minimize any inconvenience. VNG has directly contacted the civic league as well as mailed informational letters to all customers in the affected area as required by the City. Additionally, the Department of Public Works, Division of Transportation will ensure that any necessary traffic control measures will be in place. At this time, VNG has not provided the City with its projected completion date for this project.

The next neighborhood scheduled for VNG work is Pinewell, which is south of the Ocean View golf course. Work on this project is scheduled to begin in August.

## **“URBAN TOOLBOX” SEMINAR KICKS-OFF DOWNTOWN SHOWCASE**

Seventy-five attendees participated in Thursday's "Urban Toolbox, a Seminar for Community Revitalization" sponsored by the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority and Hampton Roads Ventures at the historic Attucks Theatre. The event kicked-off a weekend showcasing Norfolk's downtown renaissance.

Mayor Fraim presented *a before and after story* of the challenges and opportunities the City faced when redeveloping downtown. Additionally, local and national experts highlighted innovative public-private partnerships, financial tools and incentives for downtown and community revitalization

## **INCLUSIONARY ZONING ARTICLE PROVIDES OPTIONS FOR CITIES**

David Rusk, the author of *Cities without Suburbs and Inside/Outside Game* has written an article for the April edition of ICMA's Public Management Magazine on "Inclusionary Zoning: A Key Tool in the Search for Workable Affordable Housing



Programs”. The article focuses on Montgomery County, Maryland and their efforts to develop a workable affordable housing program.

Mr. Rusk, as you may recall, has visited Norfolk on several occasions and discussed housing policy issues with both City Council and staff. The article is attached for your review.

## **STATE SOCIAL SERVICES EXPLORE USE OF 211**

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management is working with the Virginia Department of Social Services to explore how 211 can be effectively incorporated into emergency response plans across the state. 211 is a statewide human services information and referral system mandated by the Virginia General Assembly in 2003. VDSS is testing the system, which launched in February 2006 and currently operates call centers seven days a week, 365 days a year in Richmond, Tidewater and central, northwest and southwest Virginia.



## **GATE INSTALLATION ALONG I-64 TO AID EVACUATION**

The Virginia Department of Transportation started gate installation along the I-64 hurricane evacuation route in late April, providing a faster and safer way of closing on-ramps with minimum manual labor during hurricane evacuations and other emergencies. In the event of a Category 4 or 5 hurricane, the governor retains the option of issuing a traffic direction reversal of I-64 to evacuate citizens more efficiently. In a traffic reversal, westbound traffic on I-64 will flow onto the eastbound lanes from the Norfolk side of the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel to the I-295 interchange in Richmond. To prevent eastbound traffic from entering the interstate, each on-ramp along the evacuation route will have two gates, one at the top of the ramp and one at the bottom. VDOT officials expect to complete phase one of the installation by July 1.

## **NORFOLK CARES ASSISTANCE CENTER STARTS LETTER CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE IN NEIGHBORHOODS**

With the arrival of spring, the City starts receiving hundreds of complaints concerning tall weeds and grass and residents parking on the grass. To help Norfolk residents better understand these and other nuisance ordinances that arise this time of year, the Norfolk Cares Assistance Center will begin sending out “Courtesy Letters” to

homeowners when the City receives a complaint of either “**Tall Weeds and Grass**” or “**Parking on the Grass**.”

The letter states that a complaint has been noted and if you have grass taller than 12 inches or if you are parking on the unimproved areas of your front yard then please take corrective action immediately. Also included is a Good Neighbor Tips pamphlet.

The goal is voluntary compliance. It is our belief that many homeowners are unaware of the ordinances and just may need a friendly reminder. In other cases, it is hoped that “Courtesy Letters” will result in quicker compliance. If the nuisance is not abated, an inspection will be scheduled and normal complaint processing followed.

It is our hope that these letters will assist our residents and Inspectors in keeping our Neighborhoods safe and clean. Should you have questions or concerns or comments you may phone us at 664-6510 or send an e-mail to the Healthy Neighborhood link on the front page of [www.norfolk.gov](http://www.norfolk.gov).

*The Norfolk Cares Assistance Center was established in direct response to requests from Norfolk residents and City Council to improve the processing of citizen complaints and concerns. By simply dialing the 664-6510, citizens and workers can report concerns, obtain information on any City service, or check on City response to previous complaints and requests for service.*

*This number is staffed Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. After hours, citizens are welcome to leave a message concerning a complaint or request for service, which will be processed as soon as staff arrives the next business day. Citizens can also request a call back, specifying a convenient time for the callback.*

# CITY UPDATES

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## ANIMAL MANAGEMENT CENTER

**Adoption fees now include health checkup, micro-chip.**

Norfolk law requires that dogs and cats be spayed or neutered before being released to a new adopter. Norfolk’s Animal



Management Center has elected to go a step further and help your new family member start off “with the best paw forward.” NAMC recently entered into a new agreement for “full-service” veterinary care to ensure that you will be bringing home a healthy animal. As a result, NAMC adoption fees have increased for dogs and cats who need to be spayed or neutered prior to adoption. (see new fees below).



The adoption fees include a vet exam, Rabies vaccination, first round of primary vaccines, heartworm test for dogs or FIV/Leukemia test for cats, fecal exam for intestinal parasites, microchip, one month’s flea preventive, and pre-anesthetic blood work and spay or neuter if the animal is not already altered. In many cases, these new fees are lower than it would cost for a private vet check.

It is hoped that by releasing animals that have been fully examined by a vet we will reduce the surprisingly high number of owner surrenders that occur when new adopters cannot afford to care for the animal. While this alone will not eliminate owner surrendered animals, we believe people will more carefully consider the responsibilities of having and caring for a pet for life. In order to adopt an animal from our shelter, a citizen must present a picture ID, proof of current residence and sign all the necessary paperwork. The fees and policies for adoptions are as follows:

*ALL ANIMALS WILL BE SPAYED/NEUTERED PRIOR TO ENTERING THEIR NEW HOME. FEES FOR DOGS AND CATS THAT MUST BE SPAYED OR NEUTERED.*

**Dogs: \$195, of which  
\$50 refunded after surgery  
Price includes:**

veterinary exam  
1st set of vaccines  
Rabies vaccine  
heartworm test  
fecal exam  
pre-anesthetic bloodwork  
spay/neuter  
1st month flea preventive  
microchip

**Cats: \$180, of which  
\$50 refunded after surgery  
Price includes:**

veterinary exam  
1st set of vaccines  
Rabies vaccine  
FIV/Leukemia test  
fecal exam  
pre-anesthetic bloodwork  
spay/neuter  
1st month flea preventive  
microchip

**FEES FOR ANIMALS ARRIVING AT THE SHELTER ALREADY  
SPAYED OR NEUTERED.**

**Dogs: \$100  
Price includes:**

**Cats: \$100  
Price includes:**

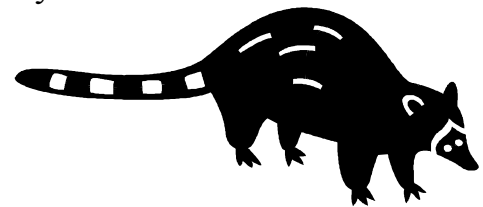
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Rabies vaccine	Rabies vaccine
heartworm test	FIV/Leukemia test
fecal exam	fecal exam
1st month flea preventive	1st month flea preventive
microchip	microchip

### **Small Animals**

Rabbits - \$15, Snakes - \$15, Ferrets - \$20, Guinea Pigs - \$5, Hamsters - \$5, Birds - varies depending on type of bird.

**Tips for Dealing with Wildlife.** With increase development, the natural habitat of wild creatures is rapidly being destroyed, forcing them to live in closer proximity to people. Here are a few things you should know in order to peacefully coexist with them.

Trapping and relocating wildlife to another area is not only illegal, but in the long run, it won't solve your problem. Removing the animal merely creates a vacancy for another animal to fill.



Wildlife is attracted to your yard and home in search of food and shelter. If they don't find either there, they will likely move on. To discourage them, don't leave pet food outside, keep outside trash containers tightly closed, close and/repair openings into buildings, and ask your neighbors do the same.

It is a myth that if you see a raccoon or opossum out in the daytime it is rabid. More than likely they didn't find enough food during the night and are still out looking or are making their way home after a night's hunting.

Individuals must have permits from both the Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries and the US Fish & Wildlife Service before caring for orphaned and injured wildlife. If you want to help an injured wild animal or bird, carefully capture the animal and transport it to a licensed rehabilitator. Or contact a rehabilitator to capture the animal. Keeping wild animals as pets is illegal.

If you see a baby animal, make sure that they are truly orphaned before you intervene. The best one to raise the baby is its parent, so make sure you don't react to quickly.

Please visit [namc.petfinder.com](http://namc.petfinder.com) for links to information on peacefully co-existing with wildlife, for what to do if you encounter injured or orphaned wildlife and for a list of licensed wildlife rehabilitators in our area.

## **ARTS COMMISSION**

Norfolk Commission on the Arts and Humanities  
Annual Report to Norfolk City Council  
April 11, 2006

Good afternoon Mayor Fraim, lady and gentlemen of City Council. I'm Mary Beth Dale, Chairman of the Norfolk Commission on the Arts and Humanities, and it's a pleasure to be here again, to deliver our annual report.

Over the years, you've heard from business, community, and cultural leaders, thanking you for your support of the arts and commending you on the difference your support has made in our City.

Again, we thank you, and we want you to know, that we've heard you as well.

Council has expressed interest in creating a downtown that serves as a destination for visitors, and our arts organizations have offered quality performances and exhibitions that draw audiences from all over, filling our restaurants, our hotels, and our parking garages.

At the same time, Council has expressed a desire to serve Norfolk's neighborhoods, and our arts groups have offered free concerts in churches, schools, and venues throughout the City, reaching tens of thousands of residents in their own communities.

Quality of life attracts and retains both residents and businesses. While the phrase may seem subjective, when it comes to Norfolk Arts Commission grantees, the results are anything but subjective: they provide a positive financial return to the city, the majority of which is "imported" from visitors.

I really can do no better than to quote from this year's State of the City address:

"Our...arts organizations...continue to present performances equal in quality to any in the country, and contribute to our quality of life and to that of the region and state. The high caliber of our performing arts groups is also one of our primary selling points in recruiting new employees and businesses. It is vitally important that these art organizations continue to receive...strong support..."

We're proud of all our arts organizations, and the most important part of our annual report is to recognize them for the good work they're doing. But before I recognize the groups with us today, I want you to know that we are encouraging not only quality arts but also good business practices.

Last year the Arts Commission offered Business Planning Seminars to all grantees. We're seeing the results of this business planning, and the Arts Commission has further encouraged it through our Innovator Awards program.

The Innovator Awards recognize creative initiatives that contain costs or enhance revenue by arts organizations, and as I introduce our groups, I'll make note of those who have received these awards in recognition of their efforts.

Virginia Opera is here with us today, and they wanted us to let you know that their second annual Family Day will be held later this month, with the City as a sponsor in recognition of its rent abatement program. The Opera expects to draw a lot of people to this event alone and we congratulate them for reaching new audiences.



Virginia Symphony has certainly reached new audiences, breaking the \$1 million mark in subscription sales for the first time in its 86 year history. Good business practices are in place at the Symphony and they're showing results—last summer the Symphony reported a balanced annual operating budget for the third year in a row.

Virginia Stage Company is a two-time Innovator Award winner. Last year their “Best Ticket in Town” program increased sales to preview performances by an incredible 316 percent. This year they've taken a regional leadership position with their Hampton Roads Concierge Performance and Attraction Guide provided to hotels, as well as their Hampton Roads Theatre Alliance Program cross-promotions.

Beyond our Major Arts Organizations, we have a solid secondary group of Principal Arts Organizations.

The Academy of Music last year won an Innovator Award for creatively matching a grant for the purchase of a grand piano. Their efforts allowed them to establish a new venue, serving and expanding their client base and revenues.

d'ART Center was another recipient of the Commission's Innovator Award. The Center made creative use of technology by hosting an on-line auction of Mardi Gras masks made by artists relocated to Norfolk after Hurricane Katrina. Besides the financial benefit to the d'ART Center, the auction promoted Norfolk with both national and international media covering the story.

Generic Theater won an Innovator Award last year as they took a creative and humorous approach to asking for money from theater patrons at each performance. They created a “Ten Lousy Bucks” envelope, for donations, that listed examples of what a small contribution can make possible.

## **CITY COUNCIL**

### **RECENT CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS**

- Council authorized the City Manager to forward an application to the U.S. Navy requesting it donate the Battleship Wisconsin to the City. The Wisconsin has been berthed at The National Maritime Center since December 7, 2000. The battleship was made available for donation by the Navy on March 29, 2006 and the donation process requires a letter of intent from the City Manager expressing the City's interest in submitting a donation package. The City is in the process of hiring a technical consultant to assist in the preparation of the donation package, which is due on September 29, 2006. This donation package includes the development of a maintenance plan, environmental plan, business plan, and curatorial/interpretive plan. The City's administration will provide periodic updates to City Council on the progress of this application package throughout the summer.

- City Council approved the issuance of \$12 million of Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority's Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds for the construction of a six-story parking garage and related retail space at the intersection of 45<sup>th</sup> Street and Hampton Boulevard. The parking garage will support on-going development in the University Village. The issuance of these bonds does not utilize any funds from the City. Neither does the bond constitute a debt or pledge of faith and/or credit of the City of Norfolk. The bonds are payable solely from the revenues generated by the garage project.

## **CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU**

**Tourism Takes ORF.** As part of this year's National Tourism Week celebration the Norfolk Convention and Visitors Bureau hosted "Thank the Visitor Day" at Norfolk International Airport (ORF) on May 18. Over 600,000 visitors fly into the Norfolk area via the Airport every year, the majority of which are business, leisure and military travelers eager to add their own contributions to the local economy. Southwest Airlines passengers boarding direct flights from Baltimore to Norfolk that day received Norfolk merchandise. Southwest's low fares have spurred a 15% reduction in overall average fares at Norfolk International since beginning operations in 2001 and the company now provides more mainline jet departures and seats out of Norfolk than any other airline. The staff of the Norfolk CVB distributed free luggage tags, water bottles and other fun mermaid merchandise giveaways to travelers at Norfolk International Airport, as well as providing visitor information on attractions and events.

In the year 2005, Norfolk's hospitality industry generated over \$37 million in tourism taxes (meals, admission and lodging) and welcomed over 58,000 tourists to the Norfolk Visitor Information Centers.

To learn more about how tourism impacts the city or how to enjoy Norfolk's amenities the way that visitors do, visit [www.norfolkcvb.com](http://www.norfolkcvb.com), call 757-664-6620 or come to one of Norfolk's Visitor Centers located throughout the city. Also found on the website is a calendar of events for National Tourism Week as well as fun tourism facts

## **HUMAN SERVICES**

**A New Online Look for NDHS.** The Norfolk Department of Human Services web pages on the City of Norfolk's website are undergoing a complete redesign. The site will feature new graphics, improved content, and easier navigation for residents seeking access to programs and services.

The new site will be organized more intuitively for the Internet novice with concise explanations of each of the agency's divisions, units and programs. This should considerably decrease the amount of time that a customer spends searching for the correct point of contact, a crucial factor during a time of need.



The NDHS Public Information and Education Unit new website was launched on May 1.

**City of Norfolk Workforce Development Center Opens.** The Norfolk Workforce Development Center is open for business. In development since 2001, the Norfolk Workforce Development Center acts as the new front for customer services and intake. Benefits Intake and Ongoing operations, and the VIEW (Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare) program will operate out of the new location. Other City departments and non-governmental organizations will share space as well including: the Department of Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces, Eggleston Services, the Virginia Tidewater Consortium, Employment 2010, and the Community Services Board. The Department of Public Health has opened a new location adjacent to the new facility.

The Norfolk Workforce Development Center is located at 201 East Little Creek Road on the site of the former Ames Department Store, next to Kroger.

**Norfolk Exceeds Workforce Performance Goals.** The Department of Human Services reported a record-breaking 81% work participation rate in February for Norfolk residents enrolled in the Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare (VIEW) program. This rate reflects a 28 percent increase in employment and work-related activity since July 2005.

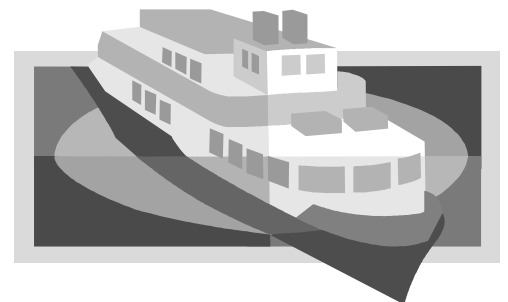
VIEW is a federally funded, locally administered workforce development program which provides intensive job readiness training and supervised job search for low income families receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Single mothers account for 95 percent of VIEW participants, which works to remove barriers such as long-term unemployment, inconsistent work histories, substance abuse, criminal backgrounds, and issues of low self-esteem. Work activity components include: employment, community work experience and on-the-job training. As of February 28, 2006, 77 percent of those employed had maintained employment for at least 90 days.

This increase moves Norfolk to #1 in VIEW's workforce participation for the South Hampton Roads region (Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, Suffolk, Isle of Wight, Franklin and Southampton Co).

## **NAUTICUS**

**The National Maritime Center signs Royal Caribbean International**  
*Cruise line will sail regularly to Bermuda from Norfolk in 2007*

The world's second-largest cruise line, Royal Caribbean International, will call The National Maritime Center home beginning in April 2007. Royal Caribbean's 692-foot-long *Empress of the Seas* will sail regularly to Bermuda throughout the spring and summer. Currently, the vessel is also scheduled to be the





first to utilize Norfolk's 80,000-square-foot *Cruise & Celebration Center*.

"Royal Caribbean is a leader in the cruise industry," said Norfolk Mayor Paul Fraim. "This deal will certainly attract a lot of attention and help spotlight our new facility."

Features aboard the *Empress of the Seas* include recently renovated lounges and deck space, the Casino Royale and Royal Caribbean's signature rock-climbing wall, which stands 200 feet above sea level. The seven-day Bermuda cruises will depart and return each Saturday beginning April 20 through July 27, 2007. This is the first Royal Caribbean vessel to ever call on The National Maritime Center.

"The *Empress of the Seas* homeport cruises reaffirm the exciting direction being taken by TNMC and reinforce how integral cruise activity is to this dynamic site," said Richard C. Conti, executive director of The National Maritime Center.

The National Maritime Center will continue to galvanize community support for Norfolk's homeported cruise lines. In announcing the decision, Richard Fain, chairman and CEO of Royal Caribbean Cruise, Ltd. commented on this commitment: "It's an intangible but it actually is an important part of our consideration," he said.

Currently, more than 80,000 cruise passengers are expected in 2007. For more information on Norfolk's cruise program, please visit [www.cruisenorfolk.org](http://www.cruisenorfolk.org).

## NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION

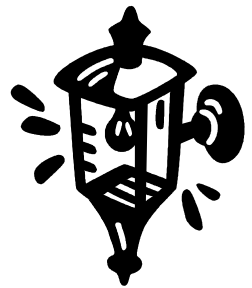
**National Night Out.** Norfolk's PACE (Police Assisted Community Enforcement) initiative, working in partnership with all segments of the community, strives to make Norfolk's neighborhoods safe, healthy, vital places in which to live, work, learn, and play. Throughout the course of the year, we facilitate a number of special events and activities to meet this goal.

One of our city-wide activities is National Night Out (NNO). National Night Out, a national event held annually on the first Tuesday in August, draws literally millions of participants from across the nation. Through National Night Out, we seek to:

- provide an opportunity to communities to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships;
- heighten awareness of crime, drug, and violence prevention;
- send a strong message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Briefly, events in celebration of Norfolk's National Night Out will be:

**August 1**-National Night Out Parade and Picnic in Titustown, this year's designated neighborhood



**July 22-August 12**-National Night Out Celebration, when each neighborhood is encouraged to hold events in their own neighborhoods. (Contact us for ideas on how to plan an event for your neighborhood)

In 2002, when Norfolk revitalized its celebration, National Night Out held a very successful march in Downtown Norfolk—"everybody's neighborhood"—to highlight our message and garner media attention. In 2003, the planning committee moved the march into Park Place, choosing that neighborhood as pat-on-the-back for its immense strides toward becoming a safer, healthier neighborhood.

Beginning in 2004, organizers asked neighborhoods to help select next year's site. The first winner was the Ballentine Civic League, which then sent a representative to be on the planning committee. We also at that time chose the 2005 neighborhood—Villa Heights—to give them a year to work with the committee.

In Villa Heights, the march turned into a full-blown parade, and what a parade it was! There were about 300 people from all over the City in attendance. We had floats, a band, costumed characters, and lots and lots of marchers. For 2006, the neighborhood is Titustown, and we look forward to an even bigger and better parade!

If you have any questions about National Night Out, please contact Marty Raiss at 441-2400, extension 234, or at [martha.raiss@norfolk.gov](mailto:martha.raiss@norfolk.gov). And thank you again for all you continue to do to make Norfolk a place where every neighborhood can celebrate life daily.

**City Employees Appointed to National Code Development Committee.** Vernell Woods, Deputy Code Official with the Planning Department and Ralston McInnis, Senior Inspector with Neighborhood Preservation Department have been appointed to the Property Maintenance Committee for the International Code Council. Both employees have been active for years at the state and local level in code development activities and will now represent the City of Norfolk in the development of the International Property Maintenance Code Book. Their influence in the development of this code will reflect the interests of the City of Norfolk and the State of Virginia.

## **NORFOLK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**Cigarette Litter Results Are In.** Three months ago, KNB kicked off our "The Butt Stops Here" campaign in cooperation with the Wards Corner Business Association utilizing pocket ashtrays and strategically placed cigarette urns. Store employees, deputized as "Butt Watchers," rewarded smokers for keeping cigarette litter off the street with free pocket ashtrays and coupons. Based on national pilot results, KNB had hoped for a 20% decrease, but results were mixed. The number of butts around storefronts where urns and posters had been placed decreased significantly, while the curbs and gutters of the Little Creek Rd. and Granby St. intersection saw a marked increase.



Take a look around; cigarette butts are everywhere. It's considered socially acceptable to throw them on the ground, making it the #1 source of litter in the United States. Each one takes up to 13 years to break down, releasing toxins into the soil and groundwater, not to mention being eyesores and health hazards for wildlife.

KNB is working with the Wards Corner Business Association to tweak the program and increase its effectiveness.

### **Security Lane Drop-off Recycling Center Now Accepts Magazines**

*Security Lane off of North Military Highway, next to Norfolk Technical Vocational School*

The drop-off recycling center located on Security Lane now is accepting magazines and unwanted mail. Magazines can be dropped off in the bin labeled for magazines and unwanted mail and mixed paper dropped off with the newspapers.

There are four drop-off sites in Norfolk open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Sites are located at: 300 17th St. at Armistead Ave. (across from Kramer Tires); the dead end of Government Ave. (near Ocean View Elementary School); Security Lane off of North Military Highway (next to Norfolk Technical Vocational School); and at the SE corner of Tidewater Drive and Little Creek Road.

Residents can place newspaper (including office paper and unwanted mail), glass (clear, brown and green), plastic bottles (#1 and #2), steel and tin cans, corrugated cardboard, aluminum cans, pie plates and foil at all four sites. The Tidewater Dr/Little Creek Rd. and the Security Lane locations accept magazines.

For more information, contact SPSA's Recycling office at 548-2256 or Keep Norfolk Beautiful at 441-1347.

## **OFFICE TO END HOMELESSNESS**

**Ten Year Plan Progress: How Are We Doing?** Norfolk's Blueprint to End Homelessness, created by the work of the City's Commission to End Homelessness, identified many issues in the City that must be addressed in order to end this disturbing social problem. After extensive community input, the City identified seven key initiatives to begin work on immediately (as of September, 2005).

One is establish a central intake to streamline homeless services intake and develop a resource and referral mechanism for the community. This would improve data collection on the homeless and help identify what services would best serve this population. In order to achieve central intake, it is important to have consensus among the providers to participate in such a process and a system that is cost-effective and beneficial to homeless persons seeking assistance. At this writing, a working group has convened on two occasions and an outside agency submitted a funding request to implement a resource and referral service. We do not yet have consensus on an approach among the agencies, therefore this remains in the development stage.

The second task is to establish an affordable housing trust fund. This will enhance the City's housing options for the very low income by developing new innovative programs to help with better affordable housing options. The Virginia General Assembly nearly adopted a State fund which could be used to match local contributions, but ultimately deferred the matter until the next Session. We are optimistic that State support will materialize in the near future.

A third project in our action plan is to replicate a Rapid Exit program. This model developed in Minneapolis, Minnesota successfully reduced the numbers of families seeking shelter and the length of stay in shelters by roughly 50% by working with service providers to focus on rapidly re-housing families, moving them out of shelter in under 30 days. The Office to End Homelessness received funding for this project and while unable to replicate the model precisely due to a lack of responders to an RFP has served 43 individuals and families by either preventing a homeless episode or placing them successfully in permanent housing. Funds have been awarded for the 2007 budget year as well and the Office to End Homelessness is working with the family shelters and other stakeholders to redesign an RFP that will more closely match the approach in Minnesota.

Another initiative endorsed was the implementation of Housing First projects to assist homeless individuals (especially chronically homeless) secure permanent supportive housing, avoiding long shelter stays and expensive hospitalizations. By the end of calendar year 2006, we anticipate the City's Permanent Supportive Housing supply will have increased by 65% over 2005 levels. The Norfolk Community Services Board has initiated a Housing First project for individuals with serious mental illness known as "My Own Place." This project will assist 12 individuals who have extensive hospitalization and street homelessness histories live independently and achieve gains in their recovery through stable, supported, permanent housing. This project will be featured in our next edition of *The Blueprint in Action*.

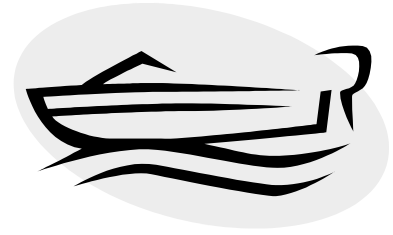
Additionally, a 24 hour care center was identified as a key initiative in the City. The concept is to provide homeless adults with a safe place to congregate during the day. This center would also serve as a vehicle to assist homeless persons access main stream resources, partake in life skills and employment programs and other supports. At this time a local day center, Salvation Army's 19<sup>th</sup> Street facility, which had lost its funding, was awarded a grant to continue and expand its operations. The center provides meals, job placement and counseling, as well as case management support to all homeless individuals seeking services.

The Blueprint is in full motion. Though the Office to End Homelessness is a small operation, (a new Management Analyst, Alisa Berry, came on board in March), we are gratified by the support of the City, its Departments and independent agencies, and a strong network of homeless providers. We will continue to report on our progress in the next newsletter.

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

**13<sup>th</sup> View Street Boat Ramps Replacement Project Completed.** The project to replace the north and south boat ramps at 13<sup>th</sup> View Street in Willoughby is complete. With the advent of warmer weather, the contractor was able to put the finishing touches on the ramps by repaving the area between the ramps and the parking lot.

The new concrete boat ramps were designed to allow for easier launching at low tide. They extend deeper below the water and have a steeper slope than the original ramps. In addition, two timber-boarded docks were installed alongside the ramps to provide accessibility for persons with mobility impairments.



**Plum Point Park Landscape Improvements.** The Virginia Port Authority (VPA) has informed the City that additional work is needed at Plum Point Park to raise the elevation of a portion of the marsh and replant marsh grass. The VPA, as a condition of its DEQ permit from the state for the renovation of the Marine Terminal, agreed to create one acre of marsh. This work will bring VPA into compliance with that agreement. There should be minimum impact on public use of the park. All work should be completed by September of this year.

**Improving Storm Water Flow in the Hollywood/Maples Hall Neighborhoods.** The Division of Environmental Storm Water Management has repaired 350 feet of thirty-six inch storm water pipe that runs through Woodlawn Memorial Cemetery. This storm water line drains much of Virginia Beach Boulevard in the vicinity of Kempsville Road and a large portion of the Hollywood neighborhood. Repair of this section of the system was initiated based on concerns by cemetery managers who identified cave-ins at the cemetery. Storm water personnel investigating found that the existing storm water line was deteriorating. The repair of this pipe will eliminate caves-ins occurring in this section of the pipe, thus ensuring that the storm water system in this area will continue to serve the citizens of Norfolk and those traveling in the area. The repair cost \$48,000.

**Park Place Intersections.** Park place will soon have more accessible intersections for physically and visually impaired pedestrians. That's thanks to a community development block grant to the tune of 180-thousand dollars. The money will pay for the installation of new sidewalks, curbs and curb ramps. The improvements are underway on Llewellyn Avenue, from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> Streets... 26<sup>th</sup> Street from Monticello Avenue to Gazel Street and 27<sup>th</sup> Street from Goswold Avenue to Armistead Avenue.

**Street Work.** Virginia Beach Boulevard from Glenrock Road to Kempsville Road, the Department of Public Works will perform milling, resurfacing, and traffic lane striping in this area. Work on this arterial will last until end of May.

- After the Memorial Day weekend, crews will also perform milling and resurfacing work at the Lansdale Intersection (Military Highway from I-64 overpass to Cornick Road and Princess Anne Road from Cowand to USAA Drive). Work at this intersection is expected to last through June 16<sup>th</sup>.
- While the resurfacing work is being completed, drivers should expect traffic delays. If residents have questions, they can contact Chuck Swan, Construction Engineer, at 664-4602.

## **PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

### **SUPERINTENDENT APPOINTED TO GOVERNOR'S START STRONG PRE-K**

**COUNCIL...** Governor Timothy M. Kaine has appointed Norfolk Public School Superintendent Dr. Stephen C. Jones to the Start Strong Pre-K Council, which will focus on developing an affordable, effective, and efficient blueprint for expanding access to high-quality, pre-kindergarten education to every child in Virginia. The Start Strong Pre-K Council will develop strategies to build on the existing network of public, private, and faith-based providers across the Commonwealth. The Council will meet at least quarterly to oversee the development of early childhood education programs in the Commonwealth.

**Norfolk Public School Students Receive Motivational Trip to Nauticus, Sponsored by Norfolk Attorney Peter G. Decker, Jr.** More than 300 Norfolk Public School students who have turned their academic careers around during the 2005-2006 school year will get a free field trip to Nauticus, compliments of Norfolk attorney and former State Board of Education member, Peter G. Decker, Jr. The visits will take place from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31 and Monday, June 5. This is the seventh consecutive year that Mr. Decker has sponsored the cost of the program, which includes admission and transportation fees as well as lunch for each student.

All of the elementary school students – in grades three, four, and five – have excelled academically during the current school year after having failed last year. Hard work, motivational encouragement, and teacher support were instrumental in their academic turnaround, which in some cases, resulted in honor roll recognition.

At the beginning of each visit, the students will be welcomed at 10 a.m. with motivational remarks by Decker, former chair of the Nauticus Advisory Board, who currently serves on The National Maritime Center Board of Directors and Virginia Beach Circuit Court Judge Thomas Shadrick. The remainder of the visit will include participation in Nauticus' "CoolScience" education program, an opportunity to touch one of Nauticus' live Nurse sharks, a tour of the Battleship *Wisconsin*, and lunch in the Iron Whale Café.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Storm Water's Lot Cleanup Crew Tackles the Big Jobs.** The Division of Environmental Storm Water Management is taking an aggressive approach to cleaning up illegal dump sites. The Lot Cleaning Crew, through March of this fiscal year, has cleaned 170 illegal dumpsites that involved the removal and disposal of approximately 461 tons of debris.

One such site involved illegal dumping at the dead end of Louvett Street. The dump site was at the head of a ditch that drains to Mason Creek. City staff evaluated the situation and noted the potential environmental and drainage impacts of the debris, such as grass clippings, tree limbs, stumps, and construction materials that had accumulated over time. Due to the amount of material and size of some of the debris, heavy equipment and several personnel were required to clean the area.

Ten employees from the Lot Cleaning Crew and the Ditch Maintenance Crew removed approximately 17 tons of debris from this area. The total clean up cost for this site was approximately \$2,000. The property has since been restored and seeded.

**Update on Illegal Sign Training Program.** Last year, City Council passed an ordinance that allowed citizens to remove illegal signs in the City's right-of-way. The Department of Public Works developed a City-wide illegal sign removal training program. The training program serves as a means to educate citizens on: what is the public right-of-way; what signs should be removed; how to remove the signs; and where to take signs after removal.

The first training, which had 20 residents participating, was held last November. Since that time, over 50 residents have been certified and are actively assisting City staff in removing illegal signs in the public right-of-way. The implementation of this program has also helped beautify and maintain a cleaner Norfolk. To increase participation in the program, residents and civic leagues can request training at anytime by contacting the Division of Management Services in Public Works.

### **Applicants Needed for Norfolk Refuse Collector Apprentice Program**

The Norfolk Department of Public Works, division of waste management, is seeking qualified applicants for the new Refuse Collector Apprentice Program.

You may complete an application at  
City of Norfolk Department of Human Resources  
100 City Hall Building  
810 Union Street  
Norfolk, VA 23510

Or online at [www.norfolk.gov](http://www.norfolk.gov)

### **Excellent benefits include:**

- Starting salary \$8.67/hour

- Hands-on Commercial Drivers' License Training
- Training to meet eligibility requirements for permanent Refuse Collector Senior positions (within six months)

**Qualifications needed:**

- Desire to learn
- Good communication skills
- Ability to function in a team environment
- Ability to lift 75 pounds above waist
- Undergo and successfully complete a medical examination, a functional abilities evaluation, and a drug screen test
- Valid driver's license preferred
- High School Diploma or GED preferred.

**Community Clean-up Days Continue.** The recent community Day and cleanup in Park Place/Kensington was an overwhelming success. There were 187 registered participants with many more individuals from throughout the community joining the clean-up throughout the morning. More than 4.6 tons of debris was collected and removed from the neighborhood. Additionally, many volunteers participated in landscaping activities that were undertaken at various sites throughout the community. These plantings showcased the community pride demonstrated at this event.

## **RECREATION, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES**

**Norfolk Recreation Summer Meals Program Wins US Award.** The Norfolk Department of Recreation, Parks and Open Space received the United States Department of Agriculture's *Summer Champion Award* for its 2005 Summer Meals for Kids Program.

The department was only one of 14 recipients selected to receive the award. The Summer Meals program last summer increased its services to Norfolk's youth by more than 65 percent.



**Free Summer Meals.** The Norfolk Department of Recreation, Parks and Open Space will be a sponsor this summer of the USDA Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided free of charge to low-income Norfolk children, 18 and under, regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age or disability.

In addition to serving meals at city recreation centers, the department invites participation from non-city organizations such as churches and boys and girls clubs. If any



organization plans to offer summer-long, structured activities for 25 or more youth and would be interested in serving free meals, please contact JoAnne Jones or Bernard Davis for more details at 441-1035 or [joanne.jones@norfolk.gov](mailto:joanne.jones@norfolk.gov) or [bernard.davis@norfolk.gov](mailto:bernard.davis@norfolk.gov).

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**The Norfolk Drug Court.** The Norfolk Drug Court was created in 1998, and is designed to provide access to treatment, while minimizing the use of incarceration, by means of a structured environment to return individuals to the community, their families and their jobs. The Norfolk Drug Court operates through the cooperative efforts of the Norfolk Circuit Court, the Commonwealth's Attorneys Office, the Community Services Board, the Norfolk Sheriff's Office, Probation and Parole, and the Norfolk Police Department. Over 140 participants have successfully completed the program resulting in a substantial savings to the community. Today there are over 700 drug courts in the United States.

Mr. Charles Fleetwood is an officer with the Norfolk Drug Court Foundation and is available to your organization as a guest speaker. Mr. Fleetwood can be reached at the following numbers:

Office: 441-5362

Home: 588-3094

Email: [charles.fleetwood2@norfolk.gov](mailto:charles.fleetwood2@norfolk.gov)

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## NORFOLK STATISTICS—Status of Children and Families in Norfolk

According to the 2000 Census, the *2003 Kids Count in Virginia*, the *2003 Investment in Priorities, Visions and Indicator*, and the *No Time to Waste: Indicators of School Readiness 2004 Data Book*:

- ◆ 19,800 children in Norfolk are under age 6.
- ◆ 70% children under age 6 (13,900) are cared for by someone other than their parents while their parents work outside the home for a part of the day.
- ◆ Approximately 5,500 Norfolk children (28%) under 6 years of age live in poverty. The Virginia average is 13%. Only 9% (1780) of Norfolk's children receive subsidized child care. Of the 56,300 Norfolk children under age 18, 34% of them (19,100) live in poverty. The 5-city average for under age 18 is 23%. Poverty is defined as a family of 4 earning less than \$20,000 a year.
- ◆ 60% of Norfolk children are in the free and reduced lunch programs through the public schools. The state average is 32% and the regional average is 40%.

- ◆ In Spring 2002, 58% of Norfolk 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students passed the English SOLs. The state average is 72% and the regional average is 65%.
- ◆ 27.3% of Norfolk's entering Kindergarteners were identified as needing additional intervention in order to succeed in school (PALS-K). The state average is 20%; the regional average is 22%.
- ◆ Of the 3800 4-year olds are enrolled in the public school's preschool program. An additional 150 4-year olds are in Norfolk Head State centers. Thus 35% of Norfolk 4-year olds are in a government funded public preschool program, while 48% are regarded as "at-risk."
- ◆ The rate of births to teen mothers, under the age of 17, per 1000 births in 2003 was 44. The state average is 20. Norfolk is the highest in the region. This represents 185 births in Norfolk to girls 17 years of age and younger (10 preschool classrooms of 18 children).
- ◆ In 2002, 20% of Norfolk births were to mothers with less than a 12<sup>th</sup> grade education. The state average is 15% and the regional average is 17%. Thus, almost 850 of Norfolk's births in Norfolk births were to mothers who were high school drop-outs (47 preschool classrooms of 18 children).
- ◆ In 2000, 42% of children under age 6, about 8,500 children, lived with a single parent. The state average is 24% and the regional average is 35%.
- ◆ Of the 8500 Norfolk children living in a single parent home, 54% of them (4577) live in poverty.
- ◆ The functional illiteracy rate for adults 18 years of age and above is 28%. The regional average is 27% and the state average is 19%.

[www.unitedwayshr.org](http://www.unitedwayshr.org)

## **MAYOR FRAIM'S REMARKS TO THE SENATE FINANCE TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE ON APRIL 18, 2006 ON BEHALF OF THE HAMPTON ROADS MAYORS & CHAIRS CAUCUS AND AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE MPO**

Senators Hawkins (Chairman), Colgan, Wampler, Houck, Stolle, Quayle, Watkins

**The following summarizes the issues involved in the Hampton Roads region's request for transportation funding from the Virginia General Assembly during the 2006 Session.**

### **The background and guiding principles:**

1. Current Federal regulations require that all transportation projects of regional significance must be contained in an MPO approved Long Range Transportation Plan

and updated every 3 years. MPO stands for Metropolitan Planning Organization. A new plan update must be completed by December 2006. The plan is required to be fiscally constrained and air quality conforming.

2. In the summer of 2005, 16 jurisdictions came together through the MPO to define a balanced network of improvements in order to enhance Hampton Roads' transportation system. The Hampton Roads MPO package approved in the summer of 2005 is THE plan for the region in terms of projects and the amount of new funding required on an ongoing basis to complete the plan over twenty years.
3. The 6 Priority projects identified by the broad and ongoing consensus of the MPO include:
  - a. the Hampton Roads Third Crossing
  - b. the Southeastern Parkway / Dominion Blvd
  - c. the Midtown Tunnel and MLK Expressway
  - d. I-64 Widening on the Peninsula and Southside
  - e. Upgrade to US Rt. 460
4. The HRPDC and VDOT had consultants study the ability of tolls to fund these projects and the results of that study are that tolls alone will not finance these projects with the possible exception of the a parallel Midtown Tunnel. Midtown Tunnel expansion would also require tolls on the Downtown Tunnel.
5. To meet the federal fiscal constraint test, we conclude that we need \$275 million per year in state funding for about thirty years, in addition to tolls. Tolls will be required on new and existing facilities, including parallel crossings, and will generate approximately \$190 million per year.
6. The Region supports the concept of a Regional Transportation Authority to manage the debt service necessary to implement the package of projects. The preference is that the authority be made up of a majority of elected officials.
7. The region believes that state funding should go to those projects that have a reasonable expectation of being funded to completion over the next twenty years. Without an identified long-term state revenue source for the large projects in the regional plan, they cannot stay in the federally approved Long Range Transportation Plan.
8. In order for projects (including the MPO endorsed package of 6 major projects), to continue to move forward, the region must clearly demonstrate that adequate funding

will be available to complete the projects over the next 20 years. If not, FHWA regulations prohibit the inclusion of these projects in the approved Long Range Transportation Plan. This in turn prohibits VDOT from including these projects in its Six Year Improvement Program. This would essentially halt all activity on these projects.

Of particular note, the \$14.6 million in funding already spent on environmental documents for the Third Crossing, Southeastern Parkway and US Route 460 will be of marginal value or essentially lost. There is a generally accepted three-year shelf life for environmental documents to move toward construction before they must be redone.

9. There is also another \$63 million in designated earmarks in the Federal Reauthorization Bill approved by Congress in August 2005. FHWA has already responded that these funds cannot be expended if the projects are not contained in the proposed 2030 Plan.
10. Finally, advances in tolling technology make the concept of stopping to pay at a toll booth antiquated. Tolling technology already in practice collects tolls at highway speeds without the need for booths of any kind through the use of technologies transmitters and license plate recognition.

**What happens if substantially less than the \$275 million of new state revenue is not dedicated to HR for transportation with this General Assembly session, and if we are not given tolling authority?**

1. The \$8.39 million already spent to get a Record of Decision on the Third Crossing EIS will be wasted in that the EIS will lapse. Any future work to find a way to solve the congestion problem for those crossing Hampton Roads would have to start all over again. A minimum of 10 years.
2. The Federal Earmarks to Hampton Roads which includes \$ 9 million for Rt. 460, \$14.4 million for Dominion Blvd and \$39.4 million Third Crossing would have to go back to the federal government.
3. All the projects in the HR Long Range plan with the possible exception of the Midtown Tunnel would have to be removed from the region's Plan. Without these projects to reduce congestion, the region could have a problem passing the federally required air quality conformity analysis. If the region does not pass, federal funding for transportation will be at risk. The Midtown Tunnel is the only project that can feasibly be built solely with tolls.

4. The region's MPO is required to do a Plan Update every three years. The current update is due this December. Projects removed due to inadequate state funding this year could not be added until the next update in 2010.

**There have been many questions about the creation of a regional tolling or financing authority. Here are some of the main points on our position.**

1. The Caucus supports the concept of a regional transportation authority to manage the debt service necessary to implement the package of projects.
2. The preference is that the authority be made up of a majority of elected officials.
3. The preferred and identified financing method is with tolls on all new and existing facilities; however, the Caucus is willing to consider other revenue means so long as they generate enough revenue. The total package of projects is nearly \$9 billion. The region needs \$466 million annually for thirty years. Our proposed tolls can generate approximately \$190 of that amount annually.
4. We should reiterate that any regional authority that is created is a financing authority. The authority for priority setting or project selection of regional projects remains with the MPO as mandated by Federal regulations.
5. The regional financing authority does not “construct the projects.” That is, all of the projects will continue to run through the CTB six-year plan, and be managed by VDOT.
6. Lastly, regional authorities are not new for Hampton Roads. Here are just a few of the examples of existing cooperative efforts, all of which cover a significant portion of the region: a solid waste authority, a transit authority, a wastewater authority, an economic development alliance and a workforce development partnership.

## **Summary**

In summary, in order for Hampton Roads to meet our future transportation needs, we require construction of the 6 major projects mentioned earlier, we need a regional tolling authority and an additional \$275 million annually for thirty years through a dedicated, ongoing revenue stream.

Our quality of life, our economy and our future depend upon your action now. Thank you for your consideration.

**MAYOR’S STATEMENT--FORD PLANT CLOSING--APRIL 13, 2006**

This is a very, very difficult moment for the more than 2,400 loyal, hard-working and skilled employees of the Ford Norfolk Assembly plant. Our concern is first and foremost with them.

This is a very difficult moment for the City of Norfolk which has prided itself on being a Ford town.

This is also a difficult moment for the Hampton Roads region and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Ford has been an integral part of the Norfolk community and Norfolk has been a proud member of the Ford family and culture for 81 years. Norfolk Ford employees are the world's finest and they produce the highest quality truck in America. Sales of the Ford 150 they build are up.

Just two months ago Governor Kaine and I met with Ford Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for the Americas Ann Stevens in Detroit – and there was no indication that this action was being contemplated by Ford. We are surprised and very, very disappointed.

This is a strategic business decision for Ford; one that is reported to be final. It highlights the continued struggle for U.S. companies to maintain their market share in the global automaker economy.

Governor Kaine and I have spoken today, and we are determined to do everything in our power to have this decision reversed.

Ford's direct impact on City of Norfolk tax revenues is in excess of \$6.0 million per year. But, Ford's impact on our regional economy is many, many times that amount.

In the last six years Ford has invested \$430 million in its Norfolk assembly plant; \$37 million invested in the last year alone.

Just last year, we stood shoulder to shoulder with our Ford family to celebrate our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary – our ties run deep and are heartfelt. We want Ford in Norfolk. Our goal from this moment forward is to keep them here.

## **RECALLED: SMOKE ALARMS AND COMBINATION SMOKE/CO ALARMS**

BRK Brands Inc., a subsidiary of First Alert Inc., of Aurora, Ill., is recalling about 145,890 (about 52,400 were sold to consumers) First Alert® ONELINK™ Battery-Powered Smoke and Combination Smoke/Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms. These alarms can drain the power from batteries rapidly, causing premature low battery power.

Consumers will be alerted to the low battery power and the need to replace the battery by a chirping of the unit. If the batteries on the smoke/CO alarm are not replaced before the battery power terminates, the alarm will not detect smoke in the event of a possible fire and the presence of carbon monoxide.

CPSC and First Alert Inc./BRK Brands Inc. have received about 329 reports of premature low battery power in these alarms. There have been no reports of injuries, incidents, or alarms failing to detect smoke or carbon monoxide.

The recall involves ONELINK™ battery-powered smoke and combination smoke/CO alarms. “First Alert” and “ONELINK™” are printed on the front of the alarm. The model number and date code are printed on the back of the alarm. Model number SA500 or SCO500 with a date code prior to March 3, 2006 are included in this recall.

The equipment was sold at department, home, and hardware stores nationwide from June 2005 through March 2006 for between \$45 and \$75.

Consumers should contact First Alert Inc./BRK Brands Inc. immediately to receive a replacement alarm. Until a new alarm is received, consumers should test the batteries in the alarm weekly by pressing the “test” button. If the alarm signals a low battery alert, consumers should immediately replace the batteries. Consumers should not remove their alarms until they have received a replacement alarm.

For more information, contact First Alert Inc./BRK Brands Inc. at (800) 323-9005 or visit <http://www.firstalert.com/>.

## **PROTECT YOUR CAR FROM THEFT**

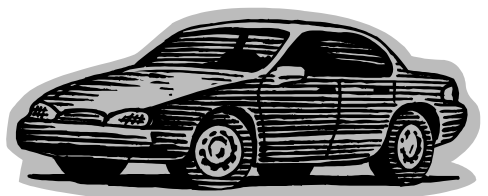
An Important Message from the Norfolk Police Department:

Norfolk’s downtown area has seen an increase in the number of thefts of vehicles and it’s a trend that we want to see end. Officers regularly patrol our downtown streets and parking facilities but we need your help.

The best advice is the simplest: Lock your car doors every single time you leave your vehicle.

Here are some simple tips to consider when parking your car

- Always lock your vehicle no matter how short your absence.
- Keep the interior of your car empty of possessions.
- Remove chargers and leave the cigarette lighter in the socket.
- Never “hide” keys on your vehicle. They can always be found.
- Park in well-lighted areas that have pedestrian traffic.
- Never leave change or mail in view.
- Remove the valet key if your car is equipped with one



- Do not leave your car registration in the vehicle, carry it with you.
- Make sure your vehicle alarm is activated or other anti-theft device is in place.

# IN THE COMMUNITY

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## **FESTEVENTS IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR JULY 1 TOWN POINT FARMER'S MARKET**

Calling all growers! Festevents is looking for participants for the New Town Point Park Summer Farmer's Market produced in partnership with the Virginia Carolina Vegetable Growers Inc. & The Virginia Department of Agriculture.

This brand new event will take place in Town Point Park on Saturday, July 1, 2006 and is designed to give local and regional growers the opportunity to inform the public as to where their products can be purchased seasonally and throughout the year.

To obtain an application or for more information about Town Point Summer Farmer's Markets please contact Karen Scherberger at 757.675.1144 or [scherbergerk@festevents.org](mailto:scherbergerk@festevents.org)

The day will provide music and fun filled activities for the entire family. Admission is free and open to the public.

## **DOWNTOWN SHOPPERS TO "PICK" SEASONAL FAVORITES AS FARM MARKET OPENS ON MACARTHUR CENTER GROUNDS**

*Five Points Community Farm Market to spotlight local products.*

**MacArthur Center** will add yet another fresh touch to downtown Norfolk when Five Points Community Farm Market opens on its property June 17. The fresh produce market will remain open through October 31.



Shoppers will be able to scoop up freshly picked sugar snap peas, early sweet corn, green beans and the like from local farms after scoping out their favorite merchandise at Coldwater Creek, Coach and Crabtree & Evelyn at the mall.

“This is a terrific location for the market because of all the foot traffic in the area,” says Bev Sell, manager of Five Points Community Farm Market, which also has a second location on Norview Avenue. “It’s going to bring the community together and help raise awareness of all the wonderful farms and food producers right in our own backyards — some of them organic, too.

“We’re going to help people reconnect with the earth and the community around them,” she adds.

The market will be under a tent located outside MacArthur Center, near the corner of Freemason and Monticello avenues.

Visitors can “pick” their selections from custom-built bins, crafted from wood donated by a local lumber company. The bins will feature signs educating shoppers about the food, the farm and how the items are grown, particularly whether pesticides were used or if it’s organic.

Besides produce, the market will offer Made in Virginia products, including hand-churned Amish butter, cheeses, grass-fed meats and sausage, smoked meats, beverages, baked goods, potato chips and more. (See attachment for a list of product categories.)

The market will also be a boon to area restaurants seeking fresh, local products.

“Using locally grown ingredients is definitely a trend in restaurants around the country,” explains Phillip Thomason, chef and owner of Vintage Kitchen in Norfolk, who vows to shop the market for his restaurant’s menu. “That freshness adds so much to a dish.”

To keep the atmosphere as fresh as the produce, Sell is planning a series of special events, including a tomato fest, a watermelon eating contest, Chef at the Market days, plus music and craft demonstrations by local artisans.

Second-generation farmer Neil Drake, of Grayson & Emma’s Garden Spot in Courtland, is eager to see how the MacArthur Center shopper responds to the tantalizing treats he raises on 25 acres.

“It’s a new venture for us,” he says. “Most everything we grow is pesticide-free, so I hope a lot of people come check us out. This is a great opportunity to get a good taste of home-grown produce.”

Five Points Community Farm Market hours will be Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in June and beginning in July the market will also be open on Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A grant from the Retail Alliance, the Retail Merchants Association of Tidewater Virginia Inc. is helping make the market a reality, according to Karen Winters, MacArthur Center marketing & sponsorship director.



“We expect MacArthur Center visitors to really enjoy this new addition to our community,” she says. “It’s a terrific venue for picking up a new recipe and its ingredients, meeting your neighbors, learning about foods grown in your backyard and saving local farms. What a great incentive for shopping.”

MacArthur Center, located on Monticello Avenue in downtown Norfolk, features one million square feet of retail offerings, including Hampton Roads' first Nordstrom and the region's flagship Dillard's department store. Entertainment and dining options occupy approximately 25 percent of the tenant mix. Shopping hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

**Merchants will sell:**

- Fresh seasonal conventional and organic produce, and grocery items, including whole grain products, nuts, jams, jellies, canned vegetables, etc.
- Fair Trade coffees and teas
- Seasonal seafood
- Five Points Smokehouse North Carolina BBQ and Sauce (cold packaged)
- Newsom’s Virginia Peanuts
- Marshall Farms of Virginia grass-fed cheeses
- Amish products, including hand-churned butter and applewood smoked bacon
- Gryffon’s Aerie Artisan meats, including gourmet grass-fed beef, pork, lamb
- Herbs and flowers
- Yoder dairy products, ice cream, and local farm eggs
- Boylan soda
- Distinctively Different baked goods
- Route 11 gourmet potato chips

**DOWNTOWN NORFOLK COUNCIL PRESENTS  
FIRST-EVER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD TO FRANK  
BATTEN SR.**

*Robert Cross named Downtowner of the Year and Alphonso Albert named Volunteer of the Year*

The Downtown Norfolk Council Board of Directors announces that Frank Batten Sr. is the recipient of its first-ever Lifetime Achievement Award. Batten is the retired chairman and chief executive office of Landmark Communications.

Robert W. Cross, Executive Director, Virginia Arts Festival will be honored with the organization's annual award when he is named Downtowner of the Year, and Alphonso A. Albert will receive the Roy Badgley Distinguished Service Award.

The awards will be presented on June 7 at Downtown Norfolk Council's annual meeting to be held at Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel.

The Lifetime Achievement award is in recognition of the many outstanding contributions Batten has made to the community. "This new award reflects the maturity of Downtown Norfolk Council," says Steve Fuschetti, vice chairman. "When we started talking about people who have made a difference, we realized that some have had a sustained impact on our community. Mr. Batten contributed to the foundation of this community and his impact goes far beyond any philanthropic contributions. By example, he built a corporate culture at Landmark that encouraged volunteerism and civic action that countless employees continue to exhibit."

"Mr. Batten is being honored by the Downtown Norfolk Council because of his quiet and steadfast leadership," says Cathy Coleman, president. "He has kept billions of dollars in the local economy and the community, and Norfolk, in particular, is a more attractive place in which to live and do business because of him."

Robert W. Cross is being acknowledged as Downtowner of the Year. It was in large part because of Cross's vision that the Virginia Arts Festival was created. Cross has served as the Festival's executive director since its inception in 1995. Under his leadership, the Virginia Arts Festival has grown into one of the most recognized and successful performance arts festivals in the country. The annual spring festival brings international and world class talent to the Hampton Roads. Cross has forged strong relationships with all cities in the region – from Williamsburg to Suffolk and has creatively found ways to spotlight the region's diverse entertainment venues. Through his leadership, the festival has doubled in size and budget over its 10-year history. The organization also oversees two performance venues in Norfolk, the TCC Jeanne and George Roper Performing Arts Center and the Crispus Attucks Theater in Norfolk and assists with other cultural programming throughout the year.

Cross shares his musical talent with the citizens of Hampton Roads as a principal percussionist with the Virginia Symphony, a position he has held since 1987. He has also held numerous management positions including artistic administrator, interim executive director and general manager with that organization as well.

"Rob's vision and dedication enrich the cultural lives of all of us in Hampton Roads," says Ed Ladd, chairman of the Downtown Norfolk Council Board of Directors. "He continually brings new programming to the area, attracts new audiences and extends the reach and appeal of this region across the country."

Alonso A. Albert is being recognized with the Roy Badgley Distinguished Service Award. This award acknowledges an unsung hero who contributes to the growth, vitality

and overall appeal of downtown Norfolk through the commitment of volunteer service and involvement. Albert is the executive director of Second Chances, which helps non-violent ex-offenders with employment, education and training opportunities. Under his leadership, Second Chances provides vital social services and social stability to an underserved part of the population.

Albert is also one of the founding members of the Hampton Roads Committee of 200+ Men, a founding board member for Minority Economic Development Assisted Lending (MEDAL), serves on the Board of Directors for the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Hampton Roads Alumni, Norfolk Drug Court Foundation and the Community Relations Board for Rehabilitation Services, Inc.

The Downtown Norfolk Council (DNC) is a private, not-for-profit membership organization comprised of businesses and individuals working toward a dynamic, attractive and prosperous downtown. DNC also manages the Downtown Norfolk Business Improvement District a special 48-block assessment district providing services to keep downtown friendly, safe and spotless. Visit [www.downtownnorfolk.org](http://www.downtownnorfolk.org) or call 623-1757 for more information.

## **THE GREAT AMERICAN FAMILY DOG AND CAT PHOTO CONTEST**

1st Prize

**Charcoal Portrait by d'ART Artist**

2nd Prize

**Gift Certificate to Groomingdales**

3rd Prize

**Personalized Dog Collar by d'ART Artist**

*NEW Category... "The LOOK Alike" AWARD*

**Do you and your pet look alike? Send us a photograph of the two of you and we'll be the judge!**

**PHOTO RECEPTION Friday, August, 4th 5-7PM  
FREE FOOD, FUN, Face Painting!**

- **Entry Fee \$5 per photo**
- **Submit up to three 3x 5 or 4x 6 prints**
- **Include your name, phone # and pet(s) name on the back of each photo**
- **Include a self addressed stamped envelope**

- Photos must be available for reproduction
- **Entry Deadline: Friday July 26th**
- Finalists receive enlarged reproduction of pet photo
- Three Prize winners announced on August 4th reception 5-7PM
- **Amateur photographers ONLY**
- **Send Photos to: d'ART Center**  
**208 East Main Street**  
**Norfolk, VA 23510**

PLEASE bring DOG & CAT Food Donation to benefit the Norfolk and Virginia Beach SPCA.

## THINGS TO SEE AND DO

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### ARTS COMMISSION

#### June 2006 Performances

*Free Public Concerts include Virginia Arts Festival performers Quintet Royale, andUSAF Heritage of America Band in a Flag Day Evening Concert*

The Norfolk Commission on the Arts and Humanities is pleased to announce the May performances in its *Arts Within Reach* series. From Berkley to Ocean View, from Park Place to Five Points, the Norfolk Arts Commission presents and supports **free** programs that bring great art to Norfolk communities. ***Arts Within Reach*** features free performances, workshops, and demonstrations in neighborhoods throughout the City. Get to know local artists while you enjoy their talent and creativity in a relaxed atmosphere.

#### June 2006

**14 (Weds.) 6 pm – US Air Force Heritage of America Band – Heritage Aire Celtic Ensemble.** Heritage Aire performs a Flag Day concert in the shadow of the USS Battleship Wisconsin. Heritage Aire blends a contemporary musical approach with traditional Celtic music style to create a stunning musical tapestry. The members of Heritage Aire perform on traditional instruments such as the Irish flute, tin whistles, Scottish small pipes, and bodhran. They also employ modern instruments like the acoustic guitar and oboe to achieve their unique sound. *The Pagoda Garden, Teahouse and*

Gallery, 265 W. Tazewell Street. 664-4321 (photo available at [http://www.heritageofamericaband.acc.af.mil/sm\\_groups/Heritage%20Aire.html](http://www.heritageofamericaband.acc.af.mil/sm_groups/Heritage%20Aire.html) )

Heritage Aire Celtic Ensemble plays traditional Celtic and other folk music, including the 19<sup>th</sup> Century American piece *Amazing Grace* and Jay Ungar's contemporary but timeless *Ashokan Farewell*. The concert also will feature guest guitarist Larry Berwald on harp guitar.

**22 (Thurs.) 11:30 am – Hampton Roads Chamber Players Faculty** in concert. HR Chamber Players faculty and Virginia Symphony musicians Jorge Aguirre (violin), Beverly Kane Baker (viola) and Janet Kriner (cello) present classical music, including a celebration of Mozart, in this weekday morning concert. *Mount Zion Baptist Church, 900 Middlesex Street. 664-4321*

The Hampton Roads Chamber Players is a local organization that provides a venue for dedicated and talented young string musicians throughout Hampton Roads to study chamber music and showcase their skills in concert performances. Members are given instruction and encouragement by some of the area's most accomplished professional musicians.

*Arts Within Reach*, produced by the Norfolk Commission on the Arts and Humanities, is a series of free performances showcasing Norfolk performing arts organizations and artists. The series introduces audiences to the arts in an informal atmosphere that encourages interaction between performer and audience. All *Arts Within Reach* performances are **free and open to the public**. Inquiries can be made at 664-4321.

## **BOTANICAL GARDEN**

Norfolk Botanical Garden to Host "Around the World in 80 Days" This Summer.

For the last two years, Norfolk Botanical Garden has hosted a popular exhibit built around privately designed and constructed interactive "destinations" around the garden. In 2004, it was TREEmendous TREEhouses. In 2005, it was Treasure Island.

Both major regional exhibits featured unique and creative, non-traditional, family interactive destinations within the Garden. The introduction of these exhibits doubled the Garden's visitation, bringing people of all ages to enjoy the Garden's 155 acres.

In 2006, the Garden would like to continue this success by bringing to life another classic novel. "Around the World in 80 Days", an interactive exhibition featuring themed displays that focus on modes of transportation used throughout the book. Regularly scheduled activities will be planned at each exhibit area.



The Garden's education department will develop these activities, inspired by each individual design and intended to enhance the visitor's experience. All exhibit areas will be designed to stimulate the imaginations of children of all ages and encourage playful interaction. Around the World in 80 Days is being designed to attract families to the Garden in anticipation of the World of Wonders: A Children's Adventure Garden, opening in the Fall of 2006, shortly after the summer exhibit's closing. As with Tremendous Treehouses and Treasure Island, the Garden solicited designs. The timeline for construction and the exhibit is as follows:

<b>June 17, 2006</b>	Exhibit Grand Opening
<b>September 4, 2006</b>	Exhibit Closes
<b>September 5-10, 2006</b>	Removal of structures by designers

## **CHRYSLER MUSEUM OF ART**

### **SENIORS ART FORUM**

The Seniors Art Forum is a senior citizens group that meets at 2 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month for a tour, discussion, and light refreshments. No reservations are necessary for individuals, but please call (757) 333-6268 for group reservations. Cost: included with Museum admission.

### **CURRENT AND UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS:**

***Old Master Paintings from the Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Saunders, III***  
Kaufman Furniture Gallery  
Ongoing

***Photography Speaks***  
Alice R. and Sol B. Frank and David L. Hack Photography Galleries  
Ongoing

***Civil War Photographs from the David L. Hack Collection***  
Alice R. and Sol B. Frank Photography Galleries  
This exhibit features 50 extraordinary photographs from the Chrysler's collection, including such icons as Alexander Gardner's classic photograph *Lincoln and Tad*, haunting images of Andersonville and Gardner's dramatic series of the handing of the Lincoln conspirators in 1865.  
Through October 29, 2006

***\* Exhibition Programming\****

Lecture Series: Selected Wednesdays throughout the exhibition, 7-8 p.m.

- July 19: No Army Without Music: The Songs of the Civil War featuring Michael Lasser, host of the National Public Radio show *Fascination' Rhythm*
- September 27: Depicting Conflict: Art of the Civil War with Stephen May, independent historian and noted art, culture and historic preservation lecturer.

Film Series: Ken Burns' *The Civil War* (1990) Selected Saturdays throughout the exhibition, Enjoy Ken Burns' *The Civil War*, renowned video history of the war.

The Masterpiece Society presents

***Masterpieces from an English Country House: The Fitzwilliam Collection***

Norfolk Southern Large Changing Galleries

Now through August 13, 2006

## **d'ART CENTER**

***Located at Selden Arcade 208 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510***

*ph: 757-625-4211 fax: 757-625-0670*

Connect with the Visual Arts at [www.d-artcenter.org](http://www.d-artcenter.org)

### **d'ART Center ~ Call for d'ART Camp Volunteers**

The d'ART Center is looking for volunteers to assist with d'ART Summer DAY CAMP. The role of Camp Assistants is to support the work of the Art Instructors and to help them as they work with the art campers. Applicants must be **16 or over**, responsible, and work well with children. Artistic skills are not a requirement!

**d'ART CAMP volunteers are needed for the following weeks to work with children ages:**

June 19-23, 2006 ~ ages 6-8

July 10-14, 2006 ~ ages 8-10

July 24-28, 2006 ~ ages 6-10

August 21-25, 2006 ~ ages 6-10

d'ART Camp sessions run for one week, Monday - Friday from 9:00am- 2:00pm. Please contact us if you can help with d'ART CAMP, held in the d'ART Center /Selden Arcade, 208 East Main Street, Norfolk VA.

**Contact 625-4211 for additional information and application.**



## **BIRTHDAY PARTIES!**

Having a birthday party, and need a cool activity for your guests? Call d'ART Center to arrange a private class for you and your friends for your big day and make your celebration an art occasion to member! We will suggest both artist and artistic activity that you can remember and

enjoy all year. For children and adults. Call 625.4211 for scheduling and arrangements.



**FREE Admission, OPEN Tuesday - Saturday 10-6:00PM & Sunday 1-5PM, Art Demo's Saturday's 1-3:00PM. Contact 625-4211 or visit website [www.d-artcenter.org](http://www.d-artcenter.org).**

## **FESTEVENTS**

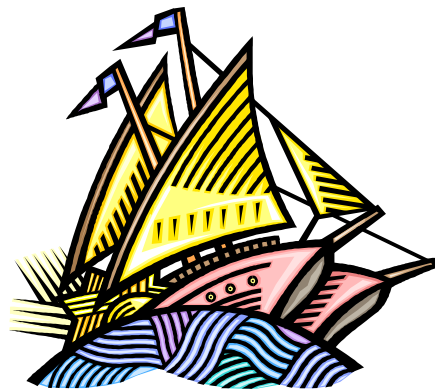
### **30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HARBORFEST**

*Friday, June 9 from Noon to 11 p.m.*

*Saturday, June 10 from Noon to 11 p.m.*

*Sunday, June 11 from Noon to 6 p.m.*

Welcome to the 30th Annual Norfolk Harborfest®, where 30 years of festival traditions are celebrated on land as well as on the river. This year's festival will bring new traditions and create precious memories. Norfolk's oldest neighborhood party - everyone's invited! For a complete schedule of festival events and details, please visit [www.festeventsva.org](http://www.festeventsva.org) or call 757.441.2345.



*NEW TO NORFOLK HARBORFEST® 2006*

**USCG EAGLE Tall Ship:** The Eagle is the United States Coast Guard's official Sail Training tall ship. This magnificent tall ship will be on public display and open for tours during the festival.

**BLUENOSE II Tall Ship, Nova Scotia:** The BLUENOSE II is the successor of the BLUENOSE, a champion racing ship from Nova Scotia. After the BLUENOSE sank in 1946, the government of Nova Scotia had an identical replica of the ship built. This magnificent tall ship will be on public display and open for tours during the festival.

**Lil' Scallywag Pirates School:** Join Blackbeard's Crew and Clan MacCool's school of swashbuckling! Train in pirate swordsmanship and buccaneer lingo or sing your favorite chantey with your much-loved characters of the sea!

### **30th Anniversary Fireworks Spectacular:**

Saturday, June 10, 2006, 9:30 pm.

Sponsored by Marine Hydraulics International, Inc. & designed by Pyro Shows of Tennessee.

**HFTV:** Catch your favorite live performers at the Budweiser Main Stage on a giant video wall!

**Caribbean Junkanoo Carnival:** Colorful native costumes and hypnotic rhythmic dancing - a taste of the islands comes to Norfolk during Harborfest weekend.

### **HARBORFEST TRADITIONS & EVENTS**

**Fireworks:** Saturday, June 10, 2006, 9:30 pm Sponsored by Marine Hydraulics International, Inc. & designed by Pyro Shows of Tennessee.

**Parade of Sail:** Friday, June 9, 2006, 3:00 pm

Honoring Capt. Lane Briggs

More than 700 boats, ships, and watercraft herald the start of the 30th Annual Harborfest® as they parade in formation into the Downtown Harbor.

**Tall Ships:** Over 300 vessels will be docked along the waterfront, including USCG EAGLE, BLUENOSE II from Nova Scotia, GAZELA of Philadelphia, SCHOONER VIRGINIA, KALMAR

NYCKEL, and SCHOONER ALLIANCE. Also in port will be character vessels, military craft and Chesapeake Bay Workboats. All vessels will be on display and many available for touring.



### **Quick & Dirty Boat Building Competition and Race**

#### **Annual Elizabeth River Tug Muster**

#### **Chesapeake Bay Workboat Parade, Docking Contests & Races**

**Airtime Water Sports:** Enjoy the experience when professional wakeboarders push the envelope on the Elizabeth River, featuring Centurion World Championship Tow Boats.

**Watermen Village:** Nautical crafters, demonstrations and more.

**Dockside Players:** Blackbeard and his crew of Pirates, Jugglers, Fire Eaters and a whole cast of characters roam the festival grounds for your entertainment.

**NASA:** See what's new in aeronautics, space and earth science with interactive exhibits where you can experience exploration and discovery first-hand.

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) takes the "pulse of the planet." Come into our tent to learn how NOAA

works for you to chart our marine waters, provide weather forecasts, promote safe transportation, protect historic shipwrecks, predict tides and currents, and study the ecology of the Chesapeake Bay.

**Extreme Arena:** Get your adrenaline rush here! Offering challenges for the novice or the skilled, ride the Mechanical Bull, or become a human sling shot as the Quad Jump propels you 20 feet into the air!

**Cingular Wireless 101:** Visit with experts from Cingular Wireless to learn all that your phone can do .Take a photo from the festival with your phone and e-mail a friend!

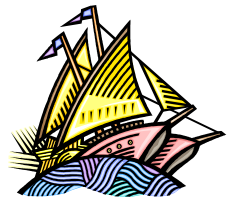
## **HARBORFEST ENTERTAINMENT**

Over 90 hours of live entertainment on 6 stages featuring National Recording Artists and Local Favorites

### **Friday, June 9**

6:30 - 8:00 pm - The Connells College Rock

9:00 - 10:30 pm - Sugar Ray Popular Rock



### **Saturday, June 10**

3:30 - 4:45 pm - Hotel California Eagles Tribute Band

5:30 - 7:00 pm - The Smithereens Power Pop College Rock

8:00 - 9:30 pm - Collective Soul Traditional American Rock

### **Sunday, June 11**

2:15 - 3:30 pm - Julie Roberts Country

4:30 - 6:00 pm - The Commodores R&B

### **Local and regional favorites include:**

Fighting Gravity, Scuttlebutt, Calypso Nuts, Joe Maniscalco, Mike Aiken Band, Olde James River Band, Mel Melton & the Wicked Mojos Bootylicious, The Showmen, Dave Derring, Lewis McGehee, Mike Proffitt, Jim Newsom Trio.

...And so much more - for complete entertainment schedules please visit [www.festeventsva.org](http://www.festeventsva.org) or call 757.441.2345.

## **DINING & SHOPPING**

**Dine alfresco on the waterfront!** Harborfest offers over 50 food and beverage stations serving a wide selection of festival favorites.

**Dockside Art Gallery:** The gallery is the place to shop for everything nautical offered in a variety of art mediums.

**Festival Dock Shops:** You will find plenty of souvenirs and wares for sale throughout the festival grounds featuring all sorts of treasures, making your Harborfest experience unforgettable.

**Harborfest Gift Shop:** For a sneak peek at some of this year's Harborfest gear, visit [www.festeventsva.org](http://www.festeventsva.org) and purchase now! (Some items will be offered after the festival as well - web orders only)

In fond memory of Capt. Lane Briggs  
1932 - 2005

## **BAYOU BOOGALOO & CAJUN FOOD FESTIVAL *FESTIVAL TO SUPPORT ON- GOING KATRINA RELIEF EFFORTS***

Bayou Boogaloo classics The Neville Brothers, Dr. John and Cowboy Mouth return to headline the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Cingular Wireless Bayou Boogaloo & Cajun Food Festival, June 23- 25, 2006, Town Point Park in Downtown Norfolk, Virginia.

This year's festival will also host several artists and craftsman displaced by Hurricane Katrina and include fundraising opportunities to benefit the Katrina relief efforts.

The Neville Brothers: Art, Charles, Aaron and Cyril Neville have been performing and recording since 1978, collectively sharing over 40 years of recording history. The Neville's unique mix of R&B, Pop, Jazz and Funk is what makes them the first family of funk in New Orleans. The Neville Brothers are scheduled to perform Sunday, June 25 at 6:30 pm. <http://www.nevilles.com>

Dr. John is a Grammy award-winning performer who proudly stands along side Louis Armstrong, Fats Domino and Professor Longhair as one of New Orleans' all-time distinctive voices. The good Dr.'s music is a blend of Dixieland, Rock & Roll and Funk that truly represents the New Orleans' sound. His infectious style has drawn attention from Eric Clapton, Mick Jagger, The Band, Bob Dylan, Van Morrison, Mike Bloomfield, Benne Wallace and Art Blakey who either wanted to guest on his records or invited him to spice up their own work. Dr. John is set to take the stage on Sunday, June 25 at 4 pm. <http://www.drjohn.org>

Cowboy Mouth returns to perform pure New Orleans Rock n' Roll in Town Point Park, Friday, June 23 at 8:30 pm. At nearly 200 performances a year over fourteen years, the band asks the audiences each and every time "Are you glad to be Alive!?" and the only answer Cowboy Mouth wants to hear is "YES!" The band onstage is extraordinarily

intense, with vocal and style changes between members that keep audiences glued, usually leaving them as drenched and spent as the band. <http://www.cowboymouth.com>

Additional acts to be announced.

The Bayou Boogaloo and Cajun Food Festival is Norfolk's annual salute to the New Orleans spirit and unique Bayou culture. This popular 3-day festival sizzles with foot stomping, heart pumping music on 3 stages featuring national, regional and local talent. This colorful celebration of Bayou culture is filled with family activities - Cajun dance lessons; a New Orleans' style funeral march; cooking demonstrations; fire-eaters; hot pepper and crawfish eating contests all add to a weekend full of non stop entertainment.

No Bayou party would be complete without mouthwatering Cajun delicacies prepared by authentic Louisiana chefs including crawfish, jambalaya, gumbo, etoufee, alligator, sausages, and beignets and ice cold beverages-- it is truly the hottest weekend on the riverfront!

More information about events, including hours, ticket information, park regulations, parking and surrounding attractions, can be found by visiting the [www.festeventsva.org](http://www.festeventsva.org) or by calling 757.441.2345.

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## **NORFOLK FESTEVENETS ROLLS OUT THE 2006 SEASON**

The Norfolk Festevents Board of Directors and the City of Norfolk are proud to announce the 2006 schedule of events presented by Cingular Wireless for Town Point Park and Ocean View Beach Park.

Norfolk Festevents Ltd. in its 24<sup>th</sup> year promises a season filled with time honored festivals and 11 band new events offering something for everyone. The 2006 festival-going public can look forward to innovate programming that kicks up outdoor festivals, concerts and city celebrations another notch delivering a full selection of quality entertainment on Norfolk's premier waterfronts.

### **2006 Schedule**

- Sundays, May 28-September 3, 2006:
  - *"Big Bands on the Bay" Concert and Dance Series*
  - 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
  - Ocean View Beach Park
  - Free & Open to the Public

- *“EAGLE” USCG Tall Ship*
  - Late Spring
  - Dates and times – To be announced
  - Free & Open to the Public
- Friday – Sunday, June 9-11, 2006  
*“30th Annual Norfolk Harborfest”, presented by Cingular Wireless*
  - Friday: Noon – 11:00 PM
  - Saturday: Noon – 11:00 PM
  - Sunday: Noon – 6:00 PM
  - Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
  - Free & Open to the Public
- Friday – Sunday, June 23-25, 2006  
*“17th Annual Cingular Wireless Bayou Boogaloo & Cajun Food Festival”*
  - (Sneak Peek Lunchtime Preview- Free Admission Friday: Noon – 3:00 PM)
  - Friday: 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM \*
  - Saturday: Noon – 10:00 PM \*
  - Sunday: Noon – 6:00 PM \*
  - Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
  - Open to the Public
  - \*Ticketed
- Saturday, July 1, 2006: *“Town Point Summer Farmers Market”*  
In partnership with the Virginia/North Carolina Vegetable Growers Association and the Virginia Department of Agriculture
  - 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
  - Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
  - Free & Open to the Public
- Sundays, July, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2006:  
*Cingular Wireless “Town Point Sundays with Lewis McGehee & Friends” Music Series*
  - 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
  - Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
  - Free & Open to the Public
- Tuesday, July 4, 2006:  
*24th Annual Cingular Wireless “Great American 4th of July Picnic & Fireworks” with Arena Racing and US Navy Reenlistment Ceremony*
  - 2:00 pm – 10:00 pm

- Fireworks – 9:30 PM
- Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
- Free & Open to the Public
  
- Fridays, July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2006: *“TGOV” After Work Beach Party & Concert Series*
  - 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
  - Ocean View Beach Park, Norfolk, VA
  - Free & Open to the Public
  
- Sunday, July 30, 2006:  
*Cingular Wireless “Sunrise to Sunset Acoustic Music Festival” in partnership with BOB FM*
  - 6:00 am – 9:00 pm
  - Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
  - Open to the Public
  - Ticketed
  
- July, 2006- Dates to be announced:  
*The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Norfolk Jazz Festival*
  - Dates, Hours to be announced
  - Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
  - Open to the Public
  - Ticketed
  
- Sundays, August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2006  
*Cingular Wireless “Town Point Sundays with Bob Zentz and Friends Music Series*
  - 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
  - Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
  - Free & Open to the Public
  
- Fridays, August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2006: *“TGOV” After Work Beach Party and Concert Series*
  - 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
  - Ocean View Beach Park, Norfolk, VA
  - Free & Open to the Public
  
- Saturday, August 19, 2006  
*Cingular Wireless “The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Norfolk Latino Music Festival”*
  - 4:00 PM – 11:00 PM
  - Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA

- Free & Open to the Public
- Friday- Sunday, September 8-10, 2006:  
*The 2nd Annual Virginia In-Water Boat Expo – in partnership with the National Marine Manufacturers Association*
  - Friday: 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
  - Saturday: 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
  - Sunday: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
  - Town Point Park & Waterside Marina, Norfolk, VA
  - Open to the Public
  - Ticketed
- Friday – Sunday, September 15-17, 2006:  
*5th Annual Cingular Wireless “Norfolk Seafood and Beach Music Festival”*
  - Friday: 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
  - Saturday: Noon – 9:00 PM
  - Sunday: Noon – 6:00 PM
  - Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
  - Free & Open to the Public
- October, 2006  
*Norfolk’s Fleet Week Celebration*
  - Dates and Hours to be announced
- Saturday, October 7, 2006:  
*18th Annual Cingular Wireless “Virginia Children’s Festival”*
  - 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
  - Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
  - Open to the Public
  - Ticketed
- Saturday-Sunday, October 21-22, 2006:  
*19th Annual Cingular Wireless “Town Point Virginia Wine Festival”*
  - Saturday: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
  - Sunday: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
  - Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
  - Open to the Public
  - Ticketed

...And in the works are the following special additions:

- *“Live from the Eagle’s Nest” Music Series* in partnership with WGH Eagle 97.3 & Max Media



- *“Norfolk Electronic Summer Music Conference”* in partnership with the Granby Theatre
- *“Chinese Autumn Moon Festival”*

**Future Events:**

- *Sail Virginia 2007* the international tall ship gathering in Norfolk, Virginia commemorating the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jamestown Landing, June 7-12, 2007.
- *Town Point Park* visual arts festival.

“Our plans for the 2006 season have been announced just in time to celebrate the start of the New Year!”, according to Festevents Executive Director Karen Scherberger. “There has never been a more exciting time than now to launch new event concepts while also celebrating the past 30 years of rich traditions on our waterfronts- from Town Point Park to Ocean View Beach Park. “

“Overall attendance for the 2005 season was up by 16% as compared to the previous year, which was already up 14% from 2003.” Scherberger adds, “The addition of the new Virginia In Water Boat Expo held in September is an excellent example of the caliber of new events and promotions Festevents will be introducing in the seasons ahead”.

More information about events, including hours, ticket information, park regulations, parking and surrounding attractions, can be found by visiting the [www.festeventsva.org](http://www.festeventsva.org) or by calling 757.441.2345

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## **GHENT**

### **First Fridays**

***Experience the Art of Ghent***

**Entertainment...Dining...Shopping**

The Ghent Business Association announces an upcoming event series “First Fridays in Ghent” which will focus on entertainment, dining and shopping late along Colley Avenue and 21<sup>st</sup> Streets.

First Friday will take place the first Friday evening of every month beginning June 2, 2006. The upscale, gallery crawl type event will have diners and shoppers enjoying historic Ghent with street musicians and entertainers, specialty retail shopping until 9pm and excellent dining opportunities.

Stroll along Colley Avenue and 21<sup>st</sup> Street or take the Norfolk NET, which will be shuttling shoppers and making approximately four stops on its two-street route. Parking lots will be open along Colley Avenue and 21<sup>st</sup> Street and some will be manned by non-profit groups who wish to raise funds and awareness for their organizations. Enjoy a little night music as you stroll, dine and shop. Our entertainers will fill the air with sounds of guitars, saxophones and more acoustic melodies. These performers will be collecting tips so be sure to bring some pocket money to toss in their instrument cases. If you are not familiar with Ghent, have no fear! Volunteers will be out and about to assist with directions and answer general questions throughout the evening.

For general information on the event visit Ghent’s official website, [DestinationGhent.com](http://DestinationGhent.com).

## **HERMITAGE FOUNDATION MUSEUM**

### **The Hermitage Foundation Visual Arts School Offers Children’s Summer Art Camps**

*Six weeks of art programming geared toward kids ages 3-12*

The Visual Arts School at the Hermitage offers summer art camps for ages 3 – 12. Four weeks of art camp for children ages 6-9 and 10-12 will begin July 17 and run consecutively through August 11. Full-day camp at the VAS includes painting, drawing, photography, mixed-media sculpture and environmental art. Three sessions per day provide various individual and group projects incorporating the visual and performing arts, the Sloane Collection, the Hermitage Gardens, and the Living Shoreline. Each week of camp for ages 6-12 offers different but thematically connected projects. The cost of each week of full-day art camp is \$140 for Hermitage members and \$160 for non-members.

The Hermitage is also partnering with Abrakadoodle Inc. to provide two weeks of summer art camp for pre-schoolers, ages 3-5. Offering a variety of creative activities, the Abrakadoodle camps at the Hermitage VAS will be held in the morning, 9:00-11:30 a.m., **June 26-30 and July 10-14**. Abrakadoodle Inc. is recognized nationally as a leading provider of creative arts education for children. The cost for a week of camp is \$120 for Hermitage members and \$140 for non-members.

### **Hermitage Multi-Media Art Camps Schedule:**

Camps for ages 6-9 and 10-12

Hermitage member cost: \$140, n/m cost \$160

<b>Time</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Program Description</b>
9a – 4p	July 17-21	6-9 & 10-12	All Hermitage camps
9a – 4p	July 24-28	6-9 & 10-12	include multiple media
9a – 4p	July 31-August 4	6-9 & 10-12	and utilize the Sloane Collection
9a – 4p	August 7-11	6-9 & 10-12	and Hermitage Gardens.

**Hermitage/Abrakadoodle Camps Schedule:**

Camps for ages 3-5

Hermitage Member cost \$120, n/m \$140

<b>Time</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Program Title</b>
9a – 11:30a	June 26-20	3 – 5	<i>Time Machine</i> , a multi-media exploration of cultural art through the ages
9a – 11:30a	July 10 – 14	3 – 5	<i>European Art Masters</i> , an inspiring look at the paintings of the masters

Registration information is available at [www.thfm.org](http://www.thfm.org) or by contacting Larissa Sutherland, Public Programs Manager at 757.423.2052 x207/ [ls@thfm.org](mailto:ls@thfm.org).

*Formerly home to the Sloane family, the Hermitage is an historic house museum surrounded by twelve acres of woodlands and gardens on the shore of the Lafayette River. The Hermitage offers 45-minute guided tours, on the hour, of fifteen galleries filled with the Sloane family world-wide art collection, furniture, and history. Two galleries feature changing art exhibitions. The Visual Arts School, located on the beautiful grounds of the Hermitage, houses classrooms, a complete ceramics studio, and darkroom photography facilities. The Hermitage Foundation Museum is open for tours daily 10-5, Sundays 1-5—closed Wednesday—and is free to museum members, under 6, and Active Duty military. Regular admission is \$5, \$2 for ages 6-18, and \$3 for students.*

*For more information call 757-423-2052 or visit [www.thfm.org](http://www.thfm.org). The Hermitage Foundation is a member of Virginia Association of Museums, American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta, American Association of State and Local History, and a partner of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.*

## HURRAH PLAYERS

### *Schedule*

- Closing the season will be ***Shagging on the Beach***, a brand new beach musical revue running July 28-30.

For tickets and info call 627-5437 or Ticketmaster 671-8100. Or visit our web site [www.hurrahplayers.com](http://www.hurrahplayers.com)

Hurrah Players also offers theatre classes for ages 5 - Adult through the year and camps in the summer.

## JAMESTOWN 2007 EVENTS ANNOUNCED

### **March 29-April 21; September 1-4, 2007**

The National Maritime Center will host a visit by the reproduction of John Smith's 1608 shallop, which serves as the centerpiece of an extensive education exhibit about Smith's voyage and the 17<sup>th</sup> century Chesapeake.

### **Opening April 2007**

*The Steel Navy/Jamestown Exposition Exhibit* (working title)

This exhibit, developed and produced by the Hampton Roads Naval Museum in conjunction with Nauticus, will examine the period from 1880, when the Navy began to recover from a post-civil war decline, to 1907, when President Theodore Roosevelt sent the Great White Fleet around the world as an affirmation of American naval strength. The exhibit will be located on the third floor of Nauticus.

### **Premiering April 2007 at Nauticus**

*An Enduring Legacy: The U.S. Navy and the 1907 Jamestown Exposition*. Developed by the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, this 26-minute film traces the importance of the Jamestown Exposition to the region and its influence on the development of the naval station at Sewells Point. The film will be shown primarily in the Jamestown Exposition exhibit area after its debut in the Nauticus theater.

### **April 2007**

President Teddy Roosevelt will engage visitors and explain his reasoning for sending the Great White Fleet on its historic voyage from Hampton Roads.

## MACARTHUR MEMORIAL

## **New Special Exhibit Features Selections From The MacArthur Memorial's Extensive Collection Of World War I And World War II Posters**

One of the most powerful and popular communication tools used during World War I and World War II was the poster. By combining advertising and art, private organizations, government agencies and businesses were able to create posters that embraced the American spirit. Images and slogans were designed to evoke a deep sense of family devotion, loyalty to country, traditional values and fear. They called upon every American to wholeheartedly support the war.

*America Calls: Poster Art of World War I and World War II* features original World War I and World War II posters from the United States, Great Britain, Canada and France that depict the different facets of propaganda used during the era. John Montgomery Flagg, Norman Rockwell and Howard Chandler Christy are among the many well-known artists whose works are exhibited.

In the time before television and radio were found in every home, posters were the most commonly used form of advertising. During times of war, posters were found on nearly every storefront, window and fence. The messages they carried varied from military recruiting efforts to promoting the sale of war bonds to urging conservation of food and other supplies needed for the war effort. The number of posters produced during the World Wars in the United States alone is estimated to be in the millions and in thousands of different designs. While some of the most well-known posters were produced by the U.S. government, businesses such as General Motors also produced patriotic posters for use in its factories to boost employee morale.

Because of the sheer numbers of posters produced during the World Wars, they were popular souvenirs for soldiers and civilians alike, and they remain popular items with militaria collectors as well as art collectors today. Some posters, such as Norman Rockwell's popular *Four Freedoms* series and John Montgomery Flagg's Uncle Sam images, are quite valuable on the collector's market. However, because posters were mostly mass produced, in some cases on inferior paper, they are quite fragile and difficult to find in excellent condition.

The MacArthur Memorial has approximately 450 war posters in its collection, many of which were purchased by the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation in 1974 from noted poster collector Paul Keith. Other posters in the museum's holdings come from a variety of sources, including MacArthur admirers, soldiers who fought under his command, and an interesting collection given to the Memorial by the Larchmont Branch of the Norfolk Public Library.

*America Calls* is a colorful and patriotic exhibit that reflects a nation's struggle for freedom.

The MacArthur Memorial is open Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. The museum is closed New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Admission is free.

## **New Exhibit at The Macarthur Memorial Commemorates The 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of The Liberation Of Civilian Internment Camps In The Philippines During World War II**

More than 60 years ago, over 5,000 civilian men, women and children were imprisoned in internment camps following Japan's occupation of the Philippines during World War II. A three-year struggle for survival ensued as these internees endured crowded living conditions, disease, limited medical supplies, heavy labor, tension, uncertainty, and near starvation.

On April 23, 2005, the MacArthur Memorial opened a special exhibit in honor of the internees, and the soldiers and civilians who saved them. The exhibition, which will be on display through February 28, 2006, examines the Philippines before the Japanese invasion and what characterized life for both the native Filipinos and the foreign-born residents. Focusing on the three major internment camps, Santo Tomás, Los Baños and Baguio, the exhibition offers insight into the internees' initial contact with their captors and their daily lives during confinement. While some succumbed to death, others with the help of the Filipino civilians and their own sheer will were able to survive until their eventual liberation in February of 1945.

## **NAUTICUS**

**New Hours this Summer!** The National Maritime Center to begin summer season with new hours Nauticus will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily Saturday, May 27 through Monday, September 4 in observance of the summer tourist season. Opening an hour earlier will allow Nauticus to accommodate out-of-town and early visitors.

**Nauticus Invites You to Have "Breakfast with the Sharks".** In celebration of its 12th birthday, Nauticus, The National Maritime Center (TNMC), invites the public to a day of fun events including "Breakfast with the Sharks" on Saturday, June 3, 2006, from 8:30-10 a.m., One Waterside Drive in Norfolk.

The fun-filled breakfast event will include a variety of interactive activities designed especially for children and families. There will be face painting and balloon animals - Chick-fil-A will be on hand with giveaways - children will have the opportunity to have their picture taken in a shark cage, show off their talents in a coloring contest - and more. From 9:15 to 9:30 a.m., Teresa Serrette, TNMC marine life curator, will give a "Shark Talk" especially geared for young shark fans. In addition, the "Shark Touch Tank" will be open from 9-10 a.m. giving attendees the chance to touch the back of a warm-water nurse shark. "Breakfast with the Sharks," which includes Nauticus admission, is just \$8 for members and children ages 4-12; and \$12 for adults. To register for "Breakfast with the Sharks, please call (757) 664-1017 by Wednesday, May 31. Prepayment is required.

The fun will not end when breakfast is over. Beginning at 10 a.m., every 12th guest will be admitted free of charge and admission will be "2 for \$12" until 12 p.m. The

celebration continues all afternoon, with additional activities, including educational make-and-takes, from noon until 3 p.m. Dean Grubbs, Ph.D., director, Shark Ecology Program, Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS), highlights the afternoon's offerings, facilitating an informative and lively discussion on Sharks and Rays, from 1:30-2 p.m. A recognized expert in his field, Grubbs also serves as "Shark Specialist" to the World Conservation Union's Species Survival Commission. Shark Tales, the animated movie, will be shown at 2 p.m. in the Nauticus theater. At 3 p.m., guests are invited to help Nauticus blow out its birthday candles, and enjoy free cake and punch. Anyone purchasing a National Maritime Center membership, a movie ticket for the Greatest Places movie, or an audio guide anytime during the day will have the opportunity to participate in a drawing to win one of twelve toy stuffed sharks.

All events are included in Nauticus admission unless otherwise noted. For more information about Nauticus' 12th birthday celebration, call (757) 664-1000.

### **1st ANNUAL MATE ROV MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL COMPETITION**

The National Maritime Center and the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary will be hosting the 1st annual MATE ROV Mid-Atlantic Regional Competition. This competition will qualify two teams to move forward and represent our region at the national competition to be held at NASA Headquarters in Houston, June 2006. Teams from mid-Atlantic middle schools and high schools will compete in a series of missions using their specifically designed underwater ROV (remotely operated vehicle).

Help us broaden the skills of students in our area and support our local maritime industry by developing a strong future work force. We can use your support to help as a member of our planning committee, program and team mentor, technical expert, team sponsor and as a judge for the spring 2006 competition.

For more information please contact [Christine Arrasate](mailto:Christine.Arrasate@TNMC) (Nauticus@ TNMC) 757-664-1019 or [Krista Trono](mailto:Krista.Trono@NMS) (Monitor, NMS) 757-591-7328.

### **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Battleship *Wisconsin* Golf Outing Scheduled for July 6, 2006**

The National Maritime Center announces the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Battleship *Wisconsin* Golf Tournament, which will be held Thursday, July 6, 2006 at the Sewells Point Golf Course in Norfolk. Open to the general public, the tournament's proceeds will benefit the education and outreach programs at The National Maritime Center, which includes **Nauticus**, the ***USS Wisconsin***, **NOAA's Educational Resource Center**, and the **Hampton Roads Naval Museum**.

Teams or individual players may enter the tournament, which begins at noon. Prizes will be awarded for "Closest to the Pin," "Longest Drive," and "Hole-in-one." Cost for

the tournament (which includes lunch, dinner and beverages) is \$125 for civilians or \$85 for active duty military. Sponsorships are also available at various levels.

The Golf Tournament's title sponsor is BAE Systems Norfolk Ship Repair. Additional major sponsors include AT & T Government Solutions, Peter & Bess Decker, Mid-Atlantic Coatings, TowneBank and the Virginia Pilot Association. For more information, please contact Brian Fair at (757) 664-1011. There's a 144 golfer limit, so early registration is encouraged.

### **NOAA @ Nauticus**

#### **Chesapeake Bay Teacher Academy**

**June 26-30, 2006**

**9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (overnight field experience on 6/27)**

**\$185.00**

Join NOAA's Chesapeake Bay Office and Nauticus at The National Maritime Center for a week of professional development that will allow you to experience the Chesapeake Bay hands-on and learn how to implement meaningful field experiences for your students in your own backyard!

- Navigate the Elizabeth River aboard the Victory Rover!
- Conduct water quality tests & interpret nautical charts!
- Explore the shore's barrier islands & wetlands!
- Learn to grow underwater grasses & oysters with your students!
- Implement the week's experience into SOL curriculum!

Guest speakers, excellent resource materials and group projects will enhance the week's activities. The highlight of the week will be the two days spent at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science's Eastern Shore Lab in Wachapreague.

*All activities will begin and end at Nauticus, except for the overnight at VIMS.*

*Parking will be provided.*

To register, please call Camp Reservations at 757-664-1041.

Deadline to register is June 12, 2006.

Hurry, space is limited!

### **2006 SUMMER SCIENCE CAMPS**



NOW ENROLLING! Students will learn that science is fun and involved in everything around us, while creating make-n-takes, and performing cool science experiments.

**NEW! NOAA @ Nauticus Hurricane Watchers in the Chesapeake Bay Camp**

Explore how hurricanes can affect the whole Bay including the water levels, chemistry, geography and ecosystems. Enjoy games, guest speakers, and a boat trip!

Dates: July 17 - 21 | Ages: 9 - 12 years | Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Cost: \$185 members; \$200 non-members

**NEW! Kindergarten Science Camp**

Learn about navigation, chemistry, beach ecology, fossils/rocks and battleships.

Play games, make crafts and perform science experiments.

Dates: July 24 - 28 | Completed Kindergarten | Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$75 members; \$90 non-members

**General Science Camps**

Topics include navigation, chemistry, beach ecology, fossils/rocks, and battleships.

Enjoy experiments, crafts, and guest speakers!

Dates: June 26 - 30; July 10 - 14 | Completed 1st - 3rd grades

Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (extended care hours available)

Cost: \$120 members; \$135 non-members/\$25 extended care

**NEW! Day Camp for Girl Scouts**

**Session 1:** Junior Girl Scout Finding Your Way Science Camp. Topics include navigation, chemistry, ecology, fossils, and rocks. Enjoy experiments, crafts, games, and guest speakers!

Dates: June 19 - 23 | **Junior Scouts** (Bridging 3rd - 6th grades)

Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$120 members; \$135 non-members

**Session 2:** Oceanography Camp. Participate in hands-on activities that include navigation, water analyses, boat trip, behind-the-scenes tour, dissections, and overnight trip!

Note: This will be a co-ed camp.

Dates: August 7 - 11 | **Girl Scouts ages 11-17** (Completed 6th - 8th grades)

Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cost: \$200 members; \$225 non-members

**Oceanography Camp**

Topics include navigation, ecosystems, water chemistry, and careers in oceanography.

Enjoy boat rides, canoeing, and an overnight trip!

Dates: August 7 - 11 | Completed 6th – 8th grades

Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cost: \$200 members; \$225 non-members

***For more information or to register, please call camp reservations at (757) 664-1010. Hurry, space is limited.***

## **Kids Discovery Cruises**

The Spirit of Norfolk and Nauticus - The National Maritime Center have joined together to bring youngsters of every age a voyage of history, geography, and fun all rolled into one! Each Kids Discovery Cruise includes a kid-friendly buffet, lively DJ, and fascinating SOL-compatible programs designed by the education professionals at Nauticus. Your kids will have so much fun, they won't even know they're learning.

- June 6 - [Elizabeth River Exploration](#)
- July 25 - [Grando Electro!](#)
- July 26 - [Grando Electro!](#)
- August 15 - [Triumphs Through Science: African American Visionaries](#)
- September 20 - [Weather Wonders / Power of Nature](#)
- October 24 - [Cool Science](#)
- November 15 - [Shark Power](#)

Boarding: 11:30am and Cruising: Noon to 2:00pm  
Please call (757) 625-3866 for reservations & children's rates.

For groups of 20 or more, please call (757) 625-1463.

## ***VOLUNTEER PROGRAM***

Are you interested in presenting science demonstrations or interpreting hands-on exhibits? If the answer is "yes," then Nauticus has an opportunity for you! We are interested in adults, college students and high school/home school students who are at least 14 years old and can commit to at least four hours one day a week. For more information about Nauticus' volunteer and intern program, please contact Jennifer Rosenberg at (757) 664-1043 or email [Jennifer Rosenberg](#). Visit our [Volunteer web page](#) to download a volunteer application.

## **Calendar of Exhibitions, Events, & Programs**

***Treasures of NOAA's Ark***

**On exhibit through September 4, 2006**

Explore, discover, and uncover the mysteries of shore, sea, and sky through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) treasure trove of artifacts from America's premier environmental research agency! In a setting reminiscent of a 1930s warehouse, this interactive exhibit showcases more than 200 artifacts including survey instruments, chronometers, aeronautical charts, maps, photographs and more.

***The Greatest Place***

**On view through September 4, 2006**

This exciting digital high-definition film takes viewers on a journey of the most geographically dynamic locations on earth—the Amazon, Greenland, Iguazu Falls, the Namib Desert, the Okavango Delta and Tibet. ***The Greatest Places*** will be shown multiple times daily in Nauticus' NEW state-of-the-art, digital high-definition theater. *\$5 general admission; \$3 admission for Nauticus members or with ticket purchase.*

**Ongoing Programs**

**Saturdays; 10:30 a.m.**

**Shark Feeding.** Watch Nauticus' live Nurse and Spotted Bamboo sharks eat as you learn about shark behavior and ecology!

**Weekdays; 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.**

**Weekends; 11:30 a.m. (Sat. only), 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.**

**Shark Touch.** What does a shark's skin feel like? Find out at Nauticus' Shark Petting Lagoon, where you can touch the back of a warm-water Nurse Shark. Sharks in the Lagoon vary in length from two to three feet. *(Height restrictions apply.)*

**Weekends; 1 p.m.**

**Cool Science.** Liquids boiling without a stove! Gases turning into liquid! Balloons exploding with bright flashes of light and heat! These are a few of the amazing hands-on experiments you can see in this program sponsored in part by BOC Gases.

**Weekdays; 2:30 p.m.**

**Saturdays; 11 a.m.**

**Grando Electro Show.** Experience the science of static electricity, sparks, and electrical charges in a safe and controlled manner. You'll get a "charge" out of it!

**Weekends; 12:45 p.m.**

**Kiddie Tidepool & Storytime.** Geared toward early learners, this program explores the ecology of the Elizabeth River. Plus, enjoy a special reading of a maritime-related story.

**Weekdays; 1 & 4 p.m.**

**NOAA Science On a Sphere Presentation.** Enjoy this exciting and interactive presentation on our newest exhibit, Science On a Sphere. Explore the Earth's surface and learn about weather patterns, how hurricanes are formed, climate conditions around the world, and much more!

**Daily; 11:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 1:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m.**

**Aegis.** Aegis is an ancient word for shield. It's also the name of the Navy's hi-tech protection system used by destroyers to form a 250-mile-radius shield around a naval battle group. This specially designed command center theater simulates a battle situation, allowing you to feel the weight of command, as you make hair-raising, snap decisions.

**Daily; 10:45 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 3:45 p.m.**

**Design Chamber: Battleship X.** Inside this multi-media interactive theater, match wits with America's best ship designers on the eve of World War II in a race against time to create the greatest battleship ever. If you are a tactical genius, this is the place to show it.

**Digital High-Definition Films (\$3 with ticket purchase (or for Nauticus members); \$5 general admission)**

**Daily; 11 a.m., 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.**

**The Greatest Places.** This exciting film takes viewers on a journey of the most geographically dynamic locations on earth—the Amazon, Greenland, Iguazu Falls, the Namib Desert, the Okavango Delta and Tibet.

**Daily; Noon**

**The Living Sea.** This film celebrates the world ocean - its beauty, diversity and importance to all life on Earth. Swim with thousands of golden jellyfish and witness the bizarre spawning behavior of giant clams. Surf in Hawaii, deep-sea dive in Palau and test your courage with the Coast Guard in some of the world's roughest seas!

*Nauticus at The National Maritime Center, a fun and exciting interactive science and technology center exploring the power of the sea, features hands-on exhibits including computer and video interactives, digital high-definition films on a giant screen, exotic aquaria, touch pools, shark touch, and national-caliber traveling exhibits. Adjacent to Nauticus is the Battleship Wisconsin, which remains an asset of the U.S. Navy. Its daily operations are managed by The Hampton Roads Naval Museum, located within Nauticus.*

## **NEIGHBORHOOD AND LEISURE SERVICES**

### **Oceanview Senior Center Activities**

Regular Events:

Wednesdays

60+ Club Business Meeting 11:00a.m.

Featuring Card games, BINGO, Ballroom Dancing, Hot Meal

Thursdays

Line Dancing Class 11:00a.m.

Tuesdays

Square Dancing 6:30p.m.

Fridays

Square Dancing 10:30a.m.

Mon-Fri

Nutrition Program 10:00a.m

Staff Assistance is provided each month to permit groups such as civic groups, Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club and Mayors Task Force.

## **OCEAN VIEW BEACH PARK**

### **Ocean View Beach Park Sizzles This Summer With Cool Sounds and Hot Bands**

***Big Bands on the Bay, T.G.O.V, and many more great events return to Ocean View Beach Park throughout the summer.***

Big Bands on the Bay is back by popular demand! Come enjoy Big Band sounds from 7 – 9 pm every Sunday, from Memorial Day to Labor Day. For more information please call 757.441.2345 or visit [www.festeventsva.org](http://www.festeventsva.org). Admission is free and open to the public. Headliners for the 2006 season are:

June 11 – Don Case & Satin Sound Orchestra

June 18 – The Top Hats Orchestra

June 25 – Buddy Clark & The Spirit of America Orchestra

July 2 – The Upper Willet Drive Big Band

July 9 – Dick Crist & The Soundings of Swing

July 16 – Don Case & Satin Sound Orchestra

July 23 – The Continentals

July 30 – The Terry Chesson Orchestra

August 6 – Dick Crist & The Soundings of Swing

August 13 – Don Case & Satin Sound Orchestra

August 20 – The Top Hats Orchestra

August 27 – Buddy Clark & The Spirit of America Orchestra

September 3 – 7-10 pm - Dick Crist & The Soundings of Swing – Season Finale

**The Shore Thing Concert Independence Day Celebration in conjunction with The 28th Annual Ocean View Beach Festival celebrates Independence Day in a BIG WAY!** Come and dance to the sounds of Bill Deal's Rhondels and experience a spectacular Fireworks display over the Chesapeake Bay at 9:30 pm; fun for the whole family! June 30th - from 5 – 11 pm.

The 28th Annual Ocean View Beach Festival continues on Saturday, noon – 11 pm with rides for the kids, live entertainment, and an evening tribute to Jimmy Buffet featuring Island Boy and Buffettman Tom Watt. Sunday, noon – 9 pm. the fun continues with the conclusion of the 2nd Annual Ocean View Search for a Superstar. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information please visit [www.ovbf.org](http://www.ovbf.org) or call 757.961-9811.

**T.G.O.V - Thank Goodness it's Ocean View Beach Music Concert Series**, the popular after-work music series begins Friday, July 7 and continues every Friday in July and August from 6:30 - 9:30 pm. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information on this event please visit [www.festeventsva.org](http://www.festeventsva.org) or call 757.441.2345. Featured talent includes:

July 7 – The Catalinas

July 14 – FAB

July 21 – The Tams

July 28 – Collin'Out

August 4 – The Coastline Band

August 11 – FAB

August 18 – The Showmen

August 25 – Bill Deal's Rhondels

Produced By Norfolk Festevents Ltd, and sponsored by the City of Norfolk, the Residents of Ocean View, Cingular Wireless, Judy Boone Realty, Inc., Ocean View Fishing Pier, Farm Fresh, Nancy Chandler and Associates and 92.1 Cool FM.

## **POLICE MUSEUM**

### **Grant Family Treasures Boost Museum Collection; Farewell, Best Wishes to Chief C.D. Grant**

For nearly a century, the Grant family has been dedicated to Norfolk public safety. Charles A. Grant became a Norfolk police officer in 1912 and served close to 35 years. His son, Charles D. Grant, was sworn as an officer in 1946 and worked his way up through the ranks to become chief. He retired after 39 years. Chief Grant's wife, Dorothy, was a NPD

crossing guard. The Chief's son, Drew, also served as a Norfolk police officer, and his other son, Don, is presently a Norfolk Fire-Rescue battalion chief. C.A. Grant, C.D. Grant, and Drew Grant all wore the same badge set, #151.

Many museums have what is known as a core collection, a basic collection around which a museum grows. When I became NPD Curator in 2000, there were fewer than 300 NPD and Norfolk historical items in the Museum collection. Chief Grant, Dorothy, Don and Drew generously donated the Norfolk Police Museum. This major gift coupled with the existing Museum holdings formed our families, successfully seeking important additions to our collection. Through his efforts and the efforts of numerous others, our collection has grown to more than 5,000 artifacts, documents, and photographs.

After 85 years, Chief Grant left Norfolk on November 30, 2005 to live with Drew and his family in Colorado and Don and his family in Chesterfield County, Virginia. He will be sorely missed. God bless, and God speed.

There are numerous Grant family items currently on display in the Museum, including the badge set. Located in the Police Administration Building, the Norfolk Police Museum exists for you. If you are not able to visit the museum during the normal hours of 0800-1700, Monday through Friday, just e-mail [jim@melchor.us](mailto:jim@melchor.us) or call 423-6592. Special arrangements will be made to open the museum for NPD family members at night, on weekend, or on holidays.

## **OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY**

Old Dominion University Gallery opens "Lorraine Fink- Gala Exhibition" with a gala reception at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 15, featuring music by the Tidewater Classical Guitar Orchestra. The exhibition, which continues through May 28, and reception are free and open to the public.

Influenced by Jungian thought as well as her extensive travels in Asia and Africa, Fink has produced paintings and prints that focus on myths and folk tales as part of a collective consciousness. Her recent work in clay continues in this vein, but explores aspects of shamanism.

Longtime Norfolk resident, Fink holds bachelor and master of fine arts degrees from Old Dominion University. She studied painting with Charles Sibley, printmaking with Ken Daley and recently, clay sculpture with Richard Nickel. She has shown extensively throughout Virginia in one-person and group shows, including exhibitions at the Chrysler Museum of Art, Peninsula Fine Arts Center and the Virginia Museum of Fine Art among others. Her many awards include a Virginia Watercolor Society's Purchase Award at the College of William and Mary, a Miniatures Juror's Choice Award at the Hermitage Foundation Museum and a Tidewater Artist Today painting award at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia.

All of her works will be available for sale and Fink has generously offered to donate all proceeds to benefit the Old Dominion University Art Department and Gallery.

The University Gallery, located at 350 W. 21 St., Norfolk is open noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; noon to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 683-2355.

## **SCHOONER VIRGINIA**

**A Unique Team-Building Adventure.** Few opportunities offer the blend of hard work, cooperation and fun that sailing and crewing aboard the *Schooner Virginia* will. Sailing this vessel requires continual team work and problem solving and along with the professional crew of 12, young sailors will tackle the daily tasks required to safely sail this 154-ton vessel.

Availability is limited so make your reservations now for individuals or groups of up to 12 (10 youth ages 14-17 & 2 adults)

### **YOUTH SAIL ADVENTURES**

*(all trips depart and return from Norfolk)*

Youth Sail 1	July 20-July 29 (10 days)	\$950 per person
Youth Sail 2	July 31-August 9 (10 days)	\$950 per person
Youth Sail 3	August 13-August 19 (7 days)	\$895 per person
Youth Sail 4	August 20-August 26 (7 days)	\$895 per person
Youth Sail 5	August 27-September 2 (7 days)	\$895 per person

Virginia Society Members receive a \$100 discount

Each person has his or her own bunk with privacy curtain. Linens, blankets, towels and three meals a day are included.

Call (757) 627-7400 or visit [www.schoonervirginia.org](http://www.schoonervirginia.org) for more information.

## **SCOPE**

**The Most Talked About Exhibit to Tour the Country  
Comes to Norfolk**

**An Amazing Exhibit with Over 200 Actual Human Bodies and Specimens  
Opens May 18<sup>th</sup> for a Limited Engagement at Scope Exhibition Hall**

THE UNIVERSE WITHIN is a fascinating scientific and educational exhibit with over 200 specimens of whole bodies and organs from actual humans. This exhibit literally goes “under the skin,” revealing the mysteries of the human anatomy. The bodies and



organs have been preserved using a process known as plastination. THE UNIVERSE WITHIN allows the public to get a glimpse of what normally only doctors and scientists are allowed to see – making this exhibit a once in a lifetime experience.

This interactive journey introduces visitors to the human body as a whole, then takes them through each of the body's major systems to see how each function and relates to other systems. Ultimately, THE UNIVERSE WITHIN will give visitors a better appreciation for their bodies and will demonstrate why we all need to be more in tune with our bodies.

The unique method used to preserve the human bodies is called plastination. Plastination involves a vacuum process that replaces the body's water and fat with reactive plastics. The plastic is initially pliable; enabling the bodies to be placed in different life-like positions, and then hardens after infusion. It takes approximately 1,500 hours to transform a cadaver into a full-body plastinate. Organs are identical to their pre-preservation state down to the microscopic level. Plastinate specimens are completely dry and odorless. The human bodies in THE UNIVERSE WITHIN Exhibition were donated to the Museum of Life Sciences in Beijing, China, and are on exhibit by special arrangement to THE UNIVERSE WITHIN.

THE UNIVERSE WITHIN runs from May 18 to June 18 at Scope Exhibition Hall. Tickets are \$20.00 with discounts for military, students and children. Tickets are time ticketed and can be purchased at Scope Box Office, all Ticketmaster locations, on-line at Ticketmaster.com and charge by phone 757-671-8100.

## **VIRGINIA STAGE COMPANY**

**Art for Arts Sake Fundraiser.** Virginia Stage Company and the Charles Kello Kenneth Bain Galleries are teaming up again for the second annual [Art for Arts Sake Fundraiser](#) to be held at the Wells Theatre, in the heart of Norfolk's downtown theater district, on Saturday, June 3, 2006.

The Art for Arts Sake Fundraiser will begin at 6pm, and will feature over 40 original paintings in a live auction on stage and 12 original paintings in a silent auction in the main lobby. All paintings to be featured are originally done by local artists. Works by Edgar Loessin, Charles Kello, Kenneth Bain, Constance Fahey, Ruth Laakso, Faye Vandever, Barry Pollara, Gloria Coker, Scott London, and Ed Carson will be featured. A sample of the artwork to be auctioned can be found on the Virginia Stage Company website at [www.vastage.com](http://www.vastage.com). A portion of all sales will be donated to Virginia Stage Company.

The auction is free and open to the public. Complimentary light appetizers will be served along with a wide variety of wines courtesy of [The Wine House](#). For more information, please contact Kim Johnson, Development Associate, at (757) 627-6988 ext. 342.

**Go Ahead...Live a Little With Virginia Stage Company's 28th Season!**

Under the new leadership of Chris Hanna, Artistic Director, and Keith Stava, Managing Director, Virginia Stage Company produced one of its most successful seasons last year. Last year alone, **subscription sales increased by 26%**, and so far, subscription sales for next year are doing even better!

Break out of your day to day routines and guarantee yourself five nights of excellent theater by subscribing to our 28th Season today. Five special dates with your spouse, five nights out with the girls or even just five nights of escape from your overly hectic schedule! Whatever the case may be, you will want to join us for another entertaining season at the beautiful Wells Theatre.

And remember, as a subscriber you **get one play for free!** Not to mention valuable subscriber benefits such as ticket exchange privileges, diner discounts and **guaranteeing the best seats in the house.** To purchase your subscription today, please call the box office at (757) 627-1234 or go online at [www.vastage.com](http://www.vastage.com)

### **SEASON 28: GO AHEAD... LIVE A LITTLE**

#### **Crowns**

by Regina Taylor

September 19 - October 8, 2006

You'll dance in the aisles during this theatrical sensation about a cherished custom that fuses faith and fashion. Crowns is a joyous celebration of African-American women and their fabulous church hats. Based on the best-selling book by Michael Cunningham and Craig Marberry, Crowns is a stand-up-and-testify musical, it's brimming with "hattitude," riveting stories, dance, jazz, blues and glorious gospel music. It's an infectious theatrical experience with universal appeal, no matter your gender, race or fashion sense!

#### **The Elephant Man**

by Bernard Pomerance

October 31 - November 12, 2006

Based on the true story of John Merrick, the grotesquely deformed 19th century Englishman, The Elephant Man is an epic story about human dignity in the face of unspeakable pain. Although frightening to look at and hard to understand, Merrick was sensitive and bright, unlike his keepers. Winner of every major drama award including three Tony Awards, Pomerance's masterpiece elegantly examines the notion of true beauty.

#### **Indoor/Outdoor**

by Kenny Finkle

January 16 - February 4, 2007

This new comedy explores the humorous side of a man's relationship with his feline housemate. With the help of a novice pet psychologist, who may be flying on her own version of catnip, Indoor/Outdoor seeks to answer the age-old question "is the grass always

greener?" It's a funny romantic comedy for anyone who's ever been in a relationship...human or otherwise!

**To Kill A Mockingbird**  
by Harper Lee  
February 27 - March 18, 2007

The American classic comes to life through the eyes of Scout, the spunky and curious daughter of lawyer Atticus Finch. When her father agrees to defend an unjustly accused young black man in a racially divided 1930's Alabama town, Scout finds out that justice and truth aren't necessarily one in the same. This Pulitzer Prize winning story is a powerful examination of integrity, fairness and quiet courage.

**King Lear: The Storm at Home**  
adapted by Chris Hanna - based on William Shakespeare's King Lear  
April 3 - 22, 2007

Drawn from interviews with Hampton Roads' elders, families and eldercare professionals, King Lear - The Storm at Home weaves these stories with the classic King Lear text by a troupe of actors whose performance dramatizes how families are facing the emotional, legal and ethical challenges of caring for our aging parents.

## **ZOO**

### **Does Your New Year's Resolution Call For Volunteering? The Virginia Zoo Can Help!**

The Virginia Zoo is offering a Docent Training Program for those volunteers interested in educating the public about our mission.

Because of their high visibility, Zoo docents have a special opportunity to share their enthusiasm about animals and the Zoo. The Docent Training Program provides a basic preparation for this work through an educational program followed by an animal handling course and mentorship with experienced docents.

Docent training began in January. For more information about this hands on experience or to reserve your spot in the Virginia Zoo's docent training class, please call Pat Clark at 441-2374 ext. 225 or send her an email to [Patricia.Clark@norfolk.gov](mailto:Patricia.Clark@norfolk.gov).

As an accredited American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA) facility, your Virginia Zoo exhibits over 350 animals, beautifully manicured grounds and offers a fun-filled day for all. For more than a century, the Virginia Zoo has demonstrated a commitment to wildlife, conservation and education. Your Virginia Zoo is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and located at 3500 Granby Street in Norfolk. Daily admission prices are \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors (age 62 and over), and \$4.00 for children ages 2-11. Visit [www.virginiazoo.org](http://www.virginiazoo.org) or call (757) 441-2374 for more information.

## Preparing for Hurricanes

### Hurricane Kit

Preparedness is the key to survival in any disaster, including hurricanes and terrorism, and having a family disaster supply kit handy can aid in recovery. The following shopping list should help residents to assemble the basic items for a family disaster supply kit over a four-week period without causing a significant financial burden.

#### Week One

Hardware store:

- containers to hold disaster supply kit (large plastic tub with lid, backpack, etc.)
- flashlights
- portable tool kit
- roll of duct tape
- utility knife
- tarp (to cover a leaky roof if necessary)
- battery-operated radio
- batteries for flashlights and radio

Purchase or gather from existing household supply:

- blanket or sleeping bag for each member of the household
- small pillow for each member of the household
- towels
- books or games for entertainment
- local road map
- set of extra clothing and shoes for each member of the household

#### Week Two

Grocery store:

- cans of meat for each member of the household (i.e., tuna, chicken, chili, beef stew, corned beef)
- cans of ready-to-eat soup for each member of the household
- cans of vegetables for each member of the household
- cans of fruit for each member of the household
- box of heavy-duty garbage bags with ties
- box of zip-lock food storage bags for storing important papers and small items
- hand-operated can opener

**Week Three**

Drug store:

- toothbrush for each member of the household
- large tube toothpaste
- bottles of necessary over-the-counter and prescription medications
- box of sanitary wipes or liquid hand sanitizer
- feminine hygiene supplies
- bottle of shampoo
- family-size first aid kit

**Week Four**

Grocery store:

- gallons of water for each member of the household, including pets (at least one gallon per person per day)
- containers/boxes quick energy snacks (granola bars, nuts, raisins, trail mix)
- jar of peanut butter
- large cans of juice (not concentrate)
- rolls of paper towels
- 6-roll pack of toilet paper

If needed, purchase extra items for:

- pets (food, leashes, toys, etc.)
- children (baby food, formula, diapers, coloring books, etc.)
- elderly or special needs family members (hearing aid batteries, medications, special food, etc.)



NORFOLK CELEBRATES

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

"Lighting the Path to a  
Crime-Free Community"

Parade and Picnic !!!!!

August 1, 2006, 5:00 PM (parade line-up)  
Titustown Recreation and Visual Arts Center  
7545 Diven St.

Grab a sign saying who you are and join your neighbors from  
throughout Norfolk to honor Titustown and  
claim Norfolk for the good guys!

